

# ANALYTIC CONTINUATION AND SEMICLASSICAL RESOLVENT ESTIMATES ON ASYMPTOTICALLY HYPERBOLIC SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we construct a parametrix for the high-energy asymptotics of the analytic continuation of the resolvent on a Riemannian manifold which is a small perturbation of the Poincaré metric on hyperbolic space. As a result, we obtain non-trapping high energy estimates for this analytic continuation.

## INTRODUCTION

Under appropriate conditions, the resolvent of the Laplacian on an asymptotically hyperbolic space continues analytically through the spectrum [16]. In this paper we obtain estimates on the analytic continuation of the resolvent for the Laplacian of a metric that is a small perturbation of the Poincaré metric on hyperbolic space. In particular we show for these perturbations of the metric, and allowing in addition a real-valued potential, that there are only a finite number of poles for the analytic continuation of the resolvent to any half-plane containing the physical region and that the resolvent satisfies polynomial bounds on appropriate weighted Sobolev spaces near infinity in such a strip. This result, for a small strip, is then applied to the twisted Laplacian which is the stationary part of the d'Alembertian on de Sitter-Schwarzschild. In a companion paper [19] the decay of solutions to the wave equation on de Sitter-Schwarzschild space is analyzed using these estimates.

In the main part of this paper constructive semiclassical methods are used to analyze the resolvent of the Laplacian, and potential perturbations of it, for a complete, asymptotically hyperbolic, metric on the interior of the ball,  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ ,

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} g_\delta &= g_0 + \chi_\delta(z)H, \\ g_0 &= \frac{4dz^2}{(1-|z|^2)^2}, \quad \chi_\delta(z) = \chi\left(\frac{(1-|z|)}{\delta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $g_0$  is the standard hyperbolic metric,  $H = H(z, dz)$  is a symmetric 2-tensor which is smooth up to the boundary of the ball and  $\chi \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , has  $\chi(s) = 1$  if  $|s| < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\chi(s) = 0$  if  $|s| > 1$ . The perturbation here is always the same at the boundary but is cut off closer and closer to it as  $\delta \downarrow 0$ . For  $\delta > 0$  small enough we show that the analytic continuation of the resolvent of the Laplacian is smooth, so

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has no poles, in the intersection of the exterior of a sufficiently large ball with any strip around the real axis in the non-physical half-space as an operator between weighted  $L^2$  or Sobolev spaces, and obtain high-energy estimates for this resolvent in this strip.

A special case of these estimates is as follows: Let  $x = \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|}$ ,  $W \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  be real-valued and let  $R_\delta(\sigma) = (\Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 W - \sigma^2 - n/2^2)^{-1}$  denote the resolvent of  $\Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 W$ . The spectral theorem shows that  $R_\delta(\sigma)$  is well defined as a bounded operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}; dg)$  if  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ , and the results of Mazzeo and the first author show that it continues meromorphically to the upper half plane. Here we show that there exists a strip about the real axis such that if  $\delta$  is small and  $a$  and  $b$  are suitably chosen  $x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b$  has no poles, provided  $|\sigma|$  is large, and moreover we obtain a polynomial bound for the norm of  $x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b$ . More precisely, with  $H_0^k(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  the  $L^2$ -based Sobolev space of order  $k$ , so for  $k = 0$ ,  $H_0^0(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}) = L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}; dg)$ :

**Theorem 1.** *(See Theorem 1.1 for the full statement.) There exist  $\delta_0 > 0$ , such that if  $0 \leq \delta \leq \delta_0$ , then  $x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b$  continues holomorphically to the region  $\text{Im } \sigma < M$ ,  $M > 0$   $|\sigma| > K(\delta, M)$ , provided  $\text{Im } \sigma < b$ , and  $a > \text{Im } \sigma$ . Moreover, there exists  $C > 0$  such that*

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b v\|_{H_0^k(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C |\sigma|^{-1+\frac{n}{2}+k} \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \\ \|x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C |\sigma|^{-1+\frac{n}{2}+k} \|v\|_{H_0^{-k}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \end{aligned}$$

This estimate is not optimal; the optimal bound is expected to be  $O(|\sigma|^{-1+k})$ . The additional factor of  $|\sigma|^{\frac{n}{2}}$  results from ignoring the oscillatory behavior of the Schwartz kernel of the resolvent; a stationary phase type argument (which is made delicate by the intersecting Lagrangians described later) should give an improved result. However, for our application, which we now describe, the polynomial loss suffices, as there are similar losses from the trapped geodesics in compact sets.

As noted above, these results and the underlying estimates can be applied to study the wave equation on  $1 + (n+1)$  dimensional de Sitter-Schwarzschild space. This model is given by

$$(3) \quad M = \mathbb{R}_t \times \overset{\circ}{X}, \quad X = [r_{\text{bH}}, r_{\text{sI}}]_r \times \mathbb{S}_\omega^n,$$

with the Lorentzian metric

$$(4) \quad G = \alpha^2 dt^2 - \alpha^{-2} dr^2 - r^2 d\omega^2,$$

where  $d\omega^2$  is the standard metric on  $\mathbb{S}^n$ ,

$$(5) \quad \alpha = \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r} - \frac{\Lambda r^2}{3}\right)^{1/2},$$

with  $\Lambda$  and  $m$  positive constants satisfying  $0 < 9m^2\Lambda < 1$ , and  $r_{\text{bH}}, r_{\text{sI}}$  are the two positive roots of  $\alpha = 0$ .

The d'Alembertian associated to the metric  $G$  is

$$(6) \quad \square = \alpha^{-2}(D_t^2 - \alpha^2 r^{-n} D_r(r^n \alpha^2 D_r) - \alpha^2 r^{-2} \Delta_\omega).$$

An important goal is then to give a precise description of the asymptotic behavior, in all regions, of space-time, of the solution of the wave equation,  $\square u = 0$ , with initial data which are necessarily compactly supported. The results given below can be used to attain this goal; see the companion paper [19].

Since we are only interested here in the null space of the d'Alembertian, the leading factor of  $\alpha^{-2}$  can be dropped. The results above can be applied to the corresponding stationary operator, which is a twisted Laplacian

$$(7) \quad \Delta_X = \alpha^2 r^{-n} D_r (\alpha^2 r^n D_r) + \alpha^2 r^{-2} \Delta_\omega.$$

In what follows we will sometimes consider  $\alpha$  as a boundary defining function of  $X$ . This amounts to a change in the  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  structure of  $X$ ; we denote the new manifold by  $X_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

The second order elliptic operator  $\Delta_X$  in (7) is self-adjoint, and non-negative, with respect to the measure

$$(8) \quad \Omega = \alpha^{-2} r^n dr d\omega,$$

with  $\alpha$  given by (5). So, by the spectral theorem, the resolvent

$$(9) \quad R(\sigma) = (\Delta_X - \sigma^2)^{-1} : L^2(X; \Omega) \longrightarrow L^2(X; \Omega)$$

is holomorphic for  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ . In [21] the second author and Zworski, using methods of Mazzeo and the first author from [16], Sjöstrand and Zworski [22] and Zworski [25] prove that the resolvent family has an analytic continuation.

**Theorem 2.** (*Sá Barreto-Zworski, see [21]*) *As operators*

$$R(\sigma) : \mathcal{C}_0^\infty(\overset{\circ}{X}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(\overset{\circ}{X})$$

*the family (9) has a meromorphic continuation to  $\mathbb{C}$  with isolated poles of finite rank. Moreover, there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that the only pole of  $R(\sigma)$  with  $\text{Im } \sigma < \epsilon$  is at  $\sigma = 0$ ; it has multiplicity one.*

Theorem 2 was proved for  $n + 1 = 3$ , but its proof easily extends to higher dimensions.

In order to describe the asymptotics of wave propagation precisely on  $M$  via  $R(\sigma)$  it is necessary to understand the action of  $R(\sigma)$  on weighted Sobolev spaces for  $\sigma$  in a strip about the real axis as  $|\text{Re } \sigma| \rightarrow \infty$ . The results of [16] actually show that  $R(\sigma)$  is bounded as a map between the weighted spaces in question; the issue is uniform control of the norm at high energies. The strategy is to obtain bounds for  $R(\sigma)$  for  $\text{Re}(\sigma)$  large in the interior of  $X$ , then near the ends  $r_{\text{bH}}$  and  $r_{\text{sI}}$ , and later glue those estimates. In the case  $n + 1 = 3$ , we can use the following result of Bony and Häfner to obtain bounds for the resolvent in the interior

**Theorem 3.** (*Bony-Häfner, see [1]*) *There exists  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $M \geq 0$  such that if  $|\text{Im } \sigma| < \epsilon$  and  $|\text{Re } \sigma| > 1$ , then for any  $\chi \in \mathcal{C}_0^\infty(\overset{\circ}{X})$  there exists  $C > 0$  such that if  $n = 3$  in (3), then*

$$(10) \quad \|\chi R(\sigma) \chi f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} \leq C |\sigma|^M \|f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)}.$$

This result is not known in higher dimensions (though the methods of Bony and Häfner would work even then), and to prove our main theorem we use the results of Datchev and the third author [5] and Wunsch and Zworski [24] to handle the general case. The advantage of the method of [5] is that one does not need to obtain a bound for the exact resolvent in the interior and we may work with the

approximate model of [24] instead. We decompose the manifold  $X$  in two parts

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} X &= X_0 \cup X_1, \text{ where} \\ X_0 &= [r_{\text{bH}}, r_{\text{bH}} + 4\delta] \times \mathbb{S}^n \cup (r_{\text{sI}} - 4\delta, r_{\text{sI}}] \times \mathbb{S}^n \text{ and} \\ X_1 &= (r_{\text{bH}} + \delta, r_{\text{sI}} - \delta) \times \mathbb{S}^n. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\delta$  is small enough and if  $\gamma(t)$  is an integral curve of the Hamiltonian of  $\Delta_X$  then (see Section 8 and either [5] or [14])

$$(12) \quad \text{if } x(\gamma(t)) < 4\delta \text{ and } \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} < 0.$$

We consider the operator  $\Delta_X$  restricted to  $X_1$ , and place it into the setting of [24] as follows. Let  $X'_1$  be another Riemannian manifold extending  $\tilde{X}_1 = (r_{\text{bH}} + \delta/2, r_{\text{sI}} - \delta/2, r_{\text{sI}}) \times \mathbb{S}^n$  (and thus  $X_1$ ) and which is Euclidean outside some compact set, and let  $\Delta_{X'_1}$  be a self-adjoint operator extending  $\Delta_X$  with principal symbol given by the metric on  $X'_1$  which is equal to the Euclidean Laplacian on the ends. Let

$$(13) \quad P_1 = h^2 \Delta_{X'_1} - i\Upsilon, \quad h \in (0, 1)$$

where  $\Upsilon \in C^\infty(X'_1; [0, 1])$  is such that  $\Upsilon = 0$  on  $X_1$  and  $\Upsilon = 1$  outside  $\tilde{X}_1$ . Thus,  $P_1 - 1$  is semiclassically elliptic on a neighborhood of  $X'_1 \setminus \tilde{X}_1$ . (In particular, this implies that no bicharacteristic of  $P_1 - 1$  leaves  $X_1$  and returns later, i.e.  $X_1$  is bicharacteristically convex in  $X'_1$ , since this is true for  $X_1$  inside  $\tilde{X}_1$ , and  $P_1 - 1$  is elliptic outside  $\tilde{X}_1$ , hence has no characteristic set there.) By Theorem 1 of [24] there exist positive constants  $c, C$  and  $\epsilon$  independent of  $h$  such that

$$(14) \quad \|(P_1 - \sigma^2)^{-1}\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq Ch^{-N}, \quad \sigma \in (1 - c, 1 + c) \times (-c, \epsilon h) \subset \mathbb{C}.$$

Due to the fact that  $0 < 9m^2\Lambda < 1$ , the function  $\beta(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dr} \alpha^2(r)$  satisfies  $\beta(r_{\text{bH}}) > 0$  and  $\beta(r_{\text{sI}}) < 0$ . Set  $\beta_{\text{bH}} = \beta(r_{\text{bH}})$  and  $\beta_{\text{sI}} = \beta(r_{\text{sI}})$ . The weight function we consider,  $\tilde{\alpha} \in C^0([r_{\text{bH}}, r_{\text{sI}}])$ , is positive in the interior and satisfies

$$(15) \quad \tilde{\alpha}(r) = \begin{cases} \alpha^{1/\beta_{\text{bH}}} & \text{near } r_{\text{bH}} \\ \alpha^{1/|\beta_{\text{sI}}|} & \text{near } r_{\text{sI}} \end{cases}$$

We will prove

**Theorem 4.** *If  $n = 2$ , let  $\epsilon > 0$  be such that (10) holds. In general, assume that  $\delta$  is such that (12) is satisfied, and let  $\epsilon > 0$  be such that (14) holds. If*

$$0 < \gamma < \min(\epsilon, \beta_{\text{bH}}, |\beta_{\text{sI}}|, 1),$$

*then for  $b > \gamma$  there exist  $C$  and  $M$  such that if  $\text{Im } \sigma \leq \gamma$  and  $|\text{Re } \sigma| \geq 1$ ,*

$$(16) \quad \|\tilde{\alpha}^b R(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} \leq C |\sigma|^M \|f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)},$$

*where  $\Omega$  is defined in (8).*

This result can be refined by allowing the power of the weight, on either side, to approach  $\text{Im } \sigma$  at the expense of an additional logarithmic term, see Theorem 10.1.

Two proofs of Theorem 4 are given below. The first, which is somewhat simpler but valid only for  $n + 1 = 3$ , is given in sections 9 and 10. It uses techniques of Bruneau and Petkov [2] to glue the resolvent estimates from Theorem 1 and the localized estimate (10). The second proof, valid in general dimension, uses the

estimate (14) and the semiclassical resolvent gluing techniques of Datchev and the third author [5]. This is carried out in section 11.

Related weighted  $L^2$  estimates for the resolvent on asymptotically hyperbolic and asymptotically Euclidean spaces have been proved by Cardoso and Vodev in [3]. However, such estimates, combined with Theorem 3, only give the holomorphic continuation of the resolvent, as an operator acting on weighted  $L^2$  spaces, for  $|\operatorname{Re} \sigma| > 1$ , to a region below a curve which converges polynomially to the real axis. These weaker estimates do suffice to establish the asymptotic behavior of solutions of the wave equation modulo rapidly decaying terms (rather than exponentially decaying) and would give a different proof of the result of Dafermos and Rodnianski [4].

In the case of a non-trapping asymptotically hyperbolic manifold which has constant sectional curvature near the boundary, it was shown by Guillarmou in [9] that there exists a strip about the real axis, excluding a neighborhood of the origin, which is free of resonances. In the case studied here, the sectional curvature of the metric associated to  $\Delta_X$  is not constant near the boundary, and there exist trapped trajectories. However, see [21], all trapped trajectories of the Hamilton flow of  $\Delta_X$  are hyperbolic, and the projection of the trapped set onto the base space is contained in the sphere  $r = 3m$ , which is known as the ergo-sphere. Since the effects of the trapped trajectories are included in the estimates of Bony and Häfner, constructing the analytic continuation of the resolvent of a twisted Laplacian that has the correct asymptotic behavior at infinity, uniformly at high energies, allows one to obtain the desired estimates on weighted Sobolev spaces via pasting techniques introduced by Bruneau and Petkov [2]. The main technical result is thus Theorem 1, and its strengthening, Theorem 1.1.

Theorem 1.1 is proved by the construction of a high-energy parametrix for  $\Delta_{g_s} + x^2 W$ . More precisely, as customary, the problem is translated to the construction of a semiclassical parametrix for

$$P(h, \sigma) = h^2 \Delta_g + h^2 x^2 W - h^2 \frac{n^2}{4} - \sigma^2 = h^2 \left( \Delta_g + x^2 W - \frac{n^2}{4} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{h} \right)^2 \right).$$

where now  $\sigma \in (1 - c, 1 + c) \times (-Ch, Ch) \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c, C > 0$ , and  $h \in (0, 1)$ ,  $h \rightarrow 0$ , so the actual spectral parameter is

$$\frac{n^2}{4} + \left( \frac{\sigma}{h} \right)^2,$$

and  $\operatorname{Im} \frac{\sigma}{h}$  is bounded. Note that for  $\operatorname{Im} \sigma < 0$ ,

$$(17) \quad R(h, \sigma) = P(h, \sigma)^{-1} : L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_0^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$$

is meromorphic by the results of Mazzeo and the first author [16]. Moreover, while  $\sigma$  is not real, its imaginary part is  $O(h)$  in the semiclassical sense, and is thus not part of the semiclassical principal symbol of the operator.

The construction proceeds on the semiclassical resolution  $M_{0,h}$  of the product of the double space  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  introduced in [16], and the interval  $[0, 1)_h$  – this space is described in detail in Section 3. Recall that, for fixed  $h > 0$ , the results of [16] show that the Schwartz kernel of  $P(h, \sigma)^{-1}$ , defined for  $\operatorname{Im} \sigma < 0$ , is well-behaved (polyhomogeneous conormal) on  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , and it extends meromorphically across  $\operatorname{Im} \sigma = 0$  with a similarly polyhomogeneous conormal Schwartz kernel. Thus, the space we are considering is a very natural one. The semiclassical resolution is

already needed away from all boundaries; it consists of blowing up the diagonal at  $h = 0$ . Note that  $P(h, \sigma)$  is a semiclassical differential operator which is elliptic in the usual sense, but its semiclassical principal symbol  $g - (\operatorname{Re} \sigma)^2$  is not elliptic (here  $g$  is the dual metric function). Ignoring the boundaries for a moment, when a semiclassical differential operator is elliptic in both senses, it has a parametrix in the small semiclassical calculus, i.e. one which vanishes to infinite order at  $h = 0$  off the semiclassical front face (i.e. away from the diagonal in  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \{0\}$ ). However, as  $P(h, \sigma)$  is not elliptic semiclassically, semiclassical singularities (lack of decay as  $h \rightarrow 0$ ) flow out of the semiclassical front face.

It is useful to consider the flow in terms of Lagrangian geometry. Thus, the small calculus of order  $-\infty$  semiclassical pseudodifferential operators consists of operators whose Schwartz kernels are semiclassical-conormal to the diagonal at  $h = 0$ . As  $P(h, \sigma)$  is not semiclassically elliptic (but is elliptic in the usual sense, so it behaves as a semiclassical pseudodifferential operator of order  $-\infty$  for our purposes), in order to construct a parametrix for  $P(h, \sigma)$ , we need to follow the flow out of semiclassical singularities from the conormal bundle of the diagonal. For  $P(h, \sigma)$  as above, the resulting Lagrangian manifold is induced by the geodesic flow, and is in particular, up to a constant factor, the graph of the differential of the distance function on the product space. Thus, it is necessary to analyze the geodesic flow and the distance function; here the presence of boundaries is the main issue. As we show in Section 2, the geodesic flow is well-behaved on  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  as a Lagrangian manifold of the appropriate cotangent bundle. Further, for  $\delta > 0$  small (this is where the smallness of the metric perturbation enters), its projection to the base is a diffeomorphism, which implies that the distance function is also well-behaved. This last step is based upon the precise description of the geodesic flow and the distance function on hyperbolic space, see Section 2.

In Section 5, we then construct the parametrix by first solving away the diagonal singularity; this is the usual elliptic parametrix construction. Next, we solve away the small calculus error in Taylor series at the semiclassical front face, and then propagate the solution along the flow-out by solving transport equations. This is an analogue of the intersecting Lagrangian construction of the first author and Uhlmann [18], see also the work of Hassell and Wunsch [11] in the semiclassical setting. So far in this discussion the boundaries of  $M_{0, \hbar}$  arising from the boundaries of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  have been ignored; these enter into the steps so far only in that it is necessary to ensure that the construction is uniform (in a strong, smooth, sense) up to these boundaries, which the semiclassical front face as well as the lift of  $\{h = 0\}$  meet transversally, and only in the zero front face, i.e. at the front face of the blow-up of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  that created  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . Next we need to analyze the asymptotics of the solutions of the transport equations at the left and right boundary faces of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ ; this is facilitated by our analysis of the flowout Lagrangian (up to these boundary faces). At this point we obtain a parametrix whose error is smoothing and is  $O(h^\infty)$ , but does not, as yet, have any decay at the zero front face. The last step, which is completely analogous to the construction of Mazzeo and the first author, removes this error.

As a warm-up to this analysis, in Section 4 we present a three dimensional version of this construction, with worse, but still sufficiently well-behaved error terms. This is made possible by a coincidence, namely that in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  the Schwartz kernel of the resolvent of the Laplacian at energy  $(\lambda - i0)^2$  is a constant multiple

of  $e^{-i\lambda r}r^{-1}$ , and  $r^{-1}$  is a homogeneous function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , which enables one to blow-down the semiclassical front face at least to leading order. Thus, the first steps of the construction are simplified, though the really interesting parts, concerning the asymptotic behavior at the left and right boundaries along the Lagrangian, are unchanged. We encourage the reader to read this section first as it is more explicit and accessible than the treatment of arbitrary dimensions.

In Section 6, we obtain weighted  $L^2$ -bounds for the parametrix and its error. In Section 7 we used these to prove Theorem 1 and Theorem 1.1.

In Section 8 we describe in detail the de Sitter-Schwarzschild set-up. Then in Section 9, in dimension  $3 + 1$ , we describe the approach of Bruneau and Petkov [2] reducing the necessary problem to the combination of analysis on the ends, i.e. Theorem 1.1, and of the cutoff resolvent, i.e. Theorem 3. Then, in Section 10, we use this method to prove Theorem 4, and its strengthening, Theorem 10.1. Finally, in Section 11 we give a different proof which works in general dimension, and does not require knowledge of estimates for the exact cutoff resolvent. Instead, it uses the results of Wunsch and Zworski [24] for normally hyperbolic trapping in the presence of Euclidean ends and of Datchev and the third author [5] which provide a method to combine these with our estimates on hyperbolic ends. Since this method is described in detail in [5], we keep this section fairly brief.

## 1. RESOLVENT ESTIMATES FOR MODEL OPERATORS

In this section we state the full version of the main technical result, Theorem 1.

Let  $g_0$  be the metric on  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  given by

$$(1.1) \quad g_0 = \frac{4dz^2}{(1 - |z|^2)^2}.$$

We consider a one-parameter family of perturbations of  $g_0$  supported in a neighborhood of  $\partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  of the form

$$(1.2) \quad g_\delta = g_0 + \chi_\delta(z)H(z, dz),$$

where  $H$  is a symmetric 2-tensor, which is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  up to  $\partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ ,  $\chi \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , with  $\chi(s) = 1$  if  $|s| < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\chi(s) = 0$  if  $|s| > 1$ , and  $\chi_\delta(z) = \chi((1 - |z|)\delta^{-1})$ .

Let  $x = \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|}$ ,  $W \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  and let  $R_\delta(\sigma) = (\Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2W - \sigma^2 - 1^2)^{-1}$  denote the resolvent of  $\Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2W$ . The spectral theorem gives that  $R_\delta(\sigma)$  is well defined as a bounded operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}) = L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}; dg)$  if  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ . The results of [16] show that  $R_\delta(\sigma)$  continues meromorphically to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus i\mathbb{N}/2$  as an operator mapping  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  functions vanishing to infinite order at  $\partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  to distributions in  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . We recall, see for example [15], that for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$H_0^k(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}) = \{u \in L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}) : (x\partial_x, \partial_\omega)^m u \in L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}), \quad m \leq k\},$$

and

$$H_0^{-k} = \{v \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}) : \text{there exists } u_\beta \in L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}), v = \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} (x\partial_x, \partial_\omega)^\beta u_\beta\}.$$

Our main result is the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.1.** *There exist  $\delta_0 > 0$ , such that if  $0 \leq \delta \leq \delta_0$ , then  $x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b$  continues holomorphically to  $\text{Im } \sigma < M$ ,  $M > 0$ , provided  $|\sigma| > K(\delta, M)$ ,  $b > \text{Im } \sigma$*

and  $a > \text{Im } \sigma$ . Moreover, there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b v\|_{H_0^k(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C |\sigma|^{-1+\frac{n}{2}+k} \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \\ \|x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^b v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C |\sigma|^{-1+\frac{n}{2}+k} \|v\|_{H_0^{-k}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \end{aligned}$$

If  $a = \text{Im } \sigma$ , or  $b = \text{Im } \sigma$ , or  $a = b = \text{Im } \sigma$ , let  $\phi_N(x) \in C^\infty((0, 1))$ ,  $\phi_N \geq 1$ ,  $\phi_N(x) = |\log x|^{-N}$ , if  $x < \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\phi_N(x) = 1$  if  $x > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then in each case the operator

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{a,b,N}(\sigma) &=: x^{\text{Im } \sigma} \phi_N(x) R_\delta(\sigma) x^b, \quad \text{if } b > \text{Im } \sigma, \\ T_{a,b,N} &=: x^a R_\delta(\sigma) x^{\text{Im } \sigma} \phi_N(x), \quad \text{if } a > \text{Im } \sigma, \\ T_{a,b,N} &=: x^{\text{Im } \sigma} \phi_N(x) R_\delta(\sigma) x^{\text{Im } \sigma} \phi_N(x), \end{aligned}$$

continues holomorphically to  $\text{Im } \sigma < M$ , provided  $N > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $|\sigma| > K(\delta, M)$ . Moreover in each case there exists  $C = C(M, N, \delta)$  such that

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \|T_{a,b,N}(\sigma) v\|_{H_0^k(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C |\sigma|^{-1+\frac{n}{2}+k} \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \\ \|T_{a,b,N}(\sigma) v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C |\sigma|^{-1+\frac{n}{2}+k} \|v\|_{H_0^{-k}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

## 2. THE DISTANCE FUNCTION

In the construction of the uniform parametrix for the resolvent we will make use of an appropriate resolution of the distance function, and geodesic flow, for the metric  $g_\delta$ . This in turn is obtained by perturbation from  $\delta = 0$ , so we start with an analysis of the hyperbolic distance, for which there is an explicit formula. Namely, the distance function for the hyperbolic metric,  $g_0$ , is given in terms of the Euclidean metric on the ball by

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{dist}_0 : (\mathbb{B}^n)^\circ \times (\mathbb{B}^n)^\circ &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ where} \\ \cosh(\text{dist}_0(z, z')) &= 1 + \frac{2|z - z'|^2}{(1 - |z|^2)(1 - |z'|^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

We are particularly interested in a uniform description as one or both of the points approach the boundary, i.e. infinity. The boundary behavior is resolved by lifting to the ‘zero stretched product’ as is implicit in [15]. This stretched product,  $\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n$ , is the compact manifold with corners defined by blowing up the intersection of the diagonal and the corner of  $\mathbb{B}^n \times \mathbb{B}^n$ :

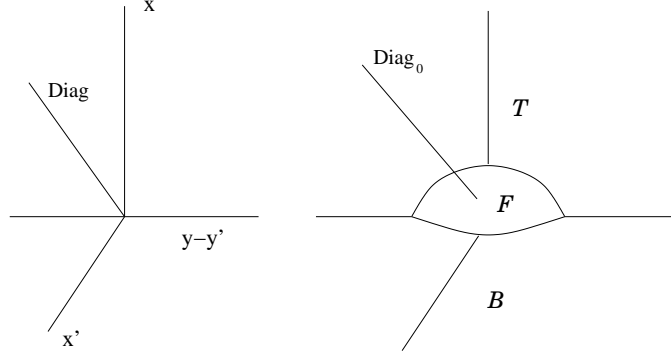
$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \beta : \mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n &= [\mathbb{B}^n \times \mathbb{B}^n; \partial \text{Diag}] \longrightarrow \mathbb{B}^n \times \mathbb{B}^n, \\ \partial \text{Diag} &= \text{Diag} \cap (\partial \mathbb{B}^n \times \partial \mathbb{B}^n) = \{(z, z); |z| = 1\}, \\ \text{Diag} &= \{(z, z') \in \mathbb{B}^n \times \mathbb{B}^n; z = z'\}. \end{aligned}$$

See Figure 1 in which  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  are local coordinates near a point in the center of the blow up, with boundary defining functions  $x$  and  $x'$  in the two factors.

Thus  $\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n$  has three boundary hypersurfaces, the front face introduced by the blow up and the left and right boundary faces which map back to  $\partial \mathbb{B}^n \times \mathbb{B}^n$  and  $\mathbb{B}^n \times \partial \mathbb{B}^n$  respectively under  $\beta$ . Denote by  $\text{Diag}_0$  the lift of the diagonal, which in this case is the closure of the inverse image under  $\beta$  of the interior of the diagonal in  $\mathbb{B}^n \times \mathbb{B}^n$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Lifted to the interior of  $\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n$  the hyperbolic distance function extends smoothly up to the interior of the front face, in the complement of  $\text{Diag}_0$ ,*



FIGURE 1. The stretched product  $\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n$ .

where it is positive and, for an appropriate choice  $\rho_L \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n)$  of defining function for the left boundary and with  $\rho_R$  its reflection,

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \beta^* \text{dist}_0(z, z') &= -\log(\rho_L \rho_R) + F, \\ 0 < F &\in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n \setminus \text{Diag}_0), \quad F^2 \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n), \end{aligned}$$

with  $F^2$  a quadratic defining function for  $\text{Diag}_0$ .

*Proof.* We show first that the square of the Euclidean distance function,  $|z - z'|^2$ , lifts to be smooth on  $\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n$  and to vanish quadratically on  $\text{Diag}_0$  and on the front face produced by the blow up

$$(2.4) \quad \beta^* (|z - z'|^2) = R^2 f, \quad f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n).$$

Here  $f \geq 0$  vanishes precisely at  $\text{Diag}_0$  and does so quadratically. Indeed this is certainly true away from the front face produced by the blow up. The spaces and the distance function are invariant under rotational symmetry, which lifts under the blow up, so we may fix the spherical position of one variable and suppose that  $z' = (1 - x', 0)$ , with  $x' > 0$  and small, the blow up is then of  $z = z'$ ,  $x' = 0$ . The fact that the variables are restricted to the unit ball is now irrelevant, and using the translation-invariance of the Euclidean distance we can suppose instead that  $z' = (x', 0)$  and blow up  $z = z'$ ,  $x' = 0$ . Since  $|(x, 0) - z|^2$  is homogeneous in all variables it lifts to be the product of the square of a defining function for the front face and a quadratic defining function for the lift of the diagonal. This proves (2.4) after restriction to the preimage of the balls and application of the symmetry.

The hyperbolic distance is given by (2.1) where  $1 - |z|^2$  and  $1 - |z'|^2$  are boundary defining functions on the two factors. If  $R$  is a defining function for the front face of  $\mathbb{B}^n \times_0 \mathbb{B}^n$  then these lift to be of the form  $\rho_L R$  and  $\rho_R R$  so combining this with (2.4)

$$(2.5) \quad \beta^* \cosh(\text{dist}_0(z, z')) = 1 + 2 \frac{f}{\rho_L \rho_R}.$$

Now  $\exp(t) = \cosh t + [\cosh^2 t - 1]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , for  $t > 0$ , and from (2.5) it follows that

$$(2.6) \quad \exp(\text{dist}_0(z, z')) = 1 + 2 \frac{f}{\rho_L \rho_R} + \left( 2 \frac{f}{\rho_L \rho_R} + 4 \frac{f^2}{\rho_L^2 \rho_R^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Near  $\text{Diag}_0$  the square-root is dominated by the first part and near the left and right boundaries by the second part, and is otherwise positive and smooth. Taking logarithms gives the result as claimed, with the defining function taken to be one near  $\text{Diag}_0$  and to be everywhere smaller than a small positive multiple of  $(1 - |z|^2)/R$ .  $\square$

This result will be extended to the case of a perturbation of the hyperbolic metric by constructing the distance function directly from Hamilton-Jacobi theory, i.e. by integration of the Hamilton vector field of the metric function on the cotangent bundle. The presence of only simple logarithmic singularities in (2.3) shows, perhaps somewhat counter-intuitively, that the Lagrangian submanifold which is the graph of the differential of the distance should be smooth (away from the diagonal) in the b-cotangent bundle of  $M_0^2$ . Conversely if this is shown for the perturbed metric then the analogue of (2.3) follows except for the possibility of a logarithmic term at the front face.

Since the metric is singular near the boundary, the dual metric function on  $T^*\mathbb{B}^n$  is degenerate there. In terms of local coordinates near a boundary point,  $x, y$  where the boundary is locally  $x = 0$ , and dual variables  $\xi, \eta$ , the metric function for hyperbolic space is of the form

$$(2.7) \quad 2p_0 = x^2\xi^2 + 4x^2(1 - x^2)^{-2}h_0(\omega, \eta)$$

where  $h_0$  is the metric function for the induced metric on the boundary.

Recall that the 0-cotangent bundle of a manifold with boundary  $M$ , denoted  ${}^0T^*M$ , is a smooth vector bundle over  $M$  which is a rescaled version of the ordinary cotangent bundle. In local coordinates near, but not at, the boundary these two bundles are identified by the (rescaling) map

$$(2.8) \quad T^*M \ni (x, y, \xi, \eta) \longmapsto (x, y, \lambda, \mu) = (x, y, x\xi, x\eta) \in {}^0T^*M.$$

It is precisely this rescaling which makes the hyperbolic metric into a non-degenerate fiber metric, uniformly up to the boundary, on this bundle. On the other hand the b-cotangent bundle, also a completely natural vector bundle, is obtained by rescaling only in the normal variable

$$(2.9) \quad T^*M \ni (x, y, \xi, \eta) \longmapsto (x, y, \lambda, \eta) = (x, y, x\xi, \eta) \in {}^bT^*M.$$

Identification over the interior gives natural smooth vector bundle maps

$$(2.10) \quad \iota_{b0} : {}^0TM \longrightarrow {}^bTM, \quad \iota_{b0}^t : {}^bT^*M \longrightarrow {}^0T^*M.$$

The second scaling map can be constructed directly in terms of blow up.

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  ${}^0T^*\partial M \subset {}^0T_{\partial M}^*M$  denotes the annihilator of the null space, over the boundary, of  $\iota_{b0}$  in (2.10) then there is a canonical diffeomorphism*

$$(2.11) \quad {}^bT^*M \longrightarrow [{}^0T^*M, {}^0T^*\partial M] \setminus \beta^\# ({}^0T_{\partial M}^*M), \quad \beta : [{}^0T^*M, {}^0T^*\partial M] \longrightarrow {}^0T^*M,$$

*to the complement, in the blow up, of the lift of the boundary:*

$$\beta^\# ({}^0T_{\partial M}^*M) = \overline{\beta^{-1}({}^0T_{\partial M}^*M \setminus {}^0T^*\partial M)}.$$

*Proof.* In local coordinates  $x, y_j$ , the null space of  $\iota_{b0}$  in (2.10) is precisely the span of the ‘tangential’ basis elements  $x\partial_{y_j}$  over each boundary point. Its annihilator,  ${}^0T^*\partial M$  is given in the coordinates (2.9) by  $\mu = 0$  at  $x = 0$ . The lift of the ‘old boundary’  $x = 0$  is precisely the boundary hypersurface near which  $|\mu|$  dominates

$x$ . Thus,  $x$  is a valid defining function for the boundary of the complement, on the right in (2.11) and locally in this set, above the coordinate patch in  $M$ ,  $\eta_j = \mu_j/x$  are smooth functions. The natural bundle map  ${}^bT^*M \longrightarrow {}^0T^*M$  underlying (2.11) is given in these coordinates by  $\lambda \frac{dx}{x} + \eta \cdot dy \longmapsto \lambda \frac{dx}{x} + x\eta \cdot \frac{dy}{x}$ , which is precisely the same map,  $\mu = x\eta$ , as appears in (2.9), so the result, including naturality, follows.  $\square$

The symplectic form lifted to  ${}^0T^*M$  is

$${}^0\omega = \frac{1}{x}d\lambda \wedge dx + \frac{1}{x}d\mu \wedge dy - \frac{1}{x^2}dx \wedge (\mu \cdot dy)$$

whereas lifted to  ${}^bT^*M$  it is

$$(2.12) \quad {}^b\omega = \frac{1}{x}d\lambda \wedge dx + d\eta \wedge dy.$$

Working, for simplicity of computation, in the non-compact upper half-space model for hyperbolic space the metric function lifts to the non-degenerate quadratic form on  ${}^0T^*M$ :

$$(2.13) \quad 2p_0 = \lambda^2 + h_0(\omega, \mu)$$

where  $h_0 = |\mu|^2$  is actually the Euclidean metric. The 0-Hamilton vector field of  $p_0 \in \mathcal{C}^\infty({}^0T^*M)$ , just the lift of the Hamilton vector field over the interior, is determined by

$$(2.14) \quad {}^0\omega(\cdot, {}^0H_p) = dp.$$

Thus

$${}^0H_p = x \frac{\partial p}{\partial \lambda} \partial_x + x \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} \cdot \partial_y - \left( \mu \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} + x \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \partial_\lambda - \left( -\frac{\partial p}{\partial \lambda} \mu + x \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) \cdot \partial_\mu$$

and hence

$$(2.15) \quad {}^0H_{p_0} = \lambda(x\partial_x + \mu\partial_\mu) - h_0\partial_\lambda + \frac{x}{2}H_{h_0}$$

is tangent to the smooth (up to the boundary) compact sphere bundle given by  $p_0 = 1$ .

Over the interior of  $M = \mathbb{B}^n$ , the hyperbolic distance from any interior point of the ball is determined by the graph of its differential, which is the flow out inside  $p_0 = 1$ , of the intersection of this smooth compact manifold with boundary with the cotangent fiber to the initial point. Observe that  $H_{p_0}$  is also tangent to the surface  $\mu = 0$  over the boundary, which is the invariantly defined subbundle  ${}^0T^*\partial M$ . Since the coordinates can be chosen to be radial for any interior point, it follows that all the geodesics from the interior arrive at the boundary at  $x = 0$ ,  $\mu = 0$ , corresponding to the well-known fact that hyperbolic geodesics are normal to the boundary. This tangency implies that  $H_{p_0}$  lifts under the blow up of  ${}^0T^*\partial M$  in (2.11) to a smooth vector field on  ${}^bT^*M$ ; this can also be seen by direct computation.

**Lemma 2.3.** *The graph of the differential of the distance function from any interior point,  $p \in (\mathbb{B}^n)^\circ$ , of hyperbolic space extends by continuity to a smooth Lagrangian submanifold of  ${}^bT^*(\mathbb{B}^n \setminus \{p\})$  which is transversal to the boundary, is a graph over  $\mathbb{B}^n \setminus \{p\}$  and is given by integration of a non-vanishing vector field up to the boundary.*

*Proof.* Observe the effect of blowing up  $\mu = 0$ ,  $x = 0$  on the Hamilton vector field in (2.15). As noted above, near the front face produced by this blow up valid coordinates are given by  $\eta = \mu/x$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $y$ , with  $x$  the boundary defining function. Since this transforms  ${}^0\omega$  to  ${}^b\omega$  it follows that  ${}^0H_{p_0}$  is transformed to

$$(2.16) \quad {}^bH_{p_0} = x(\lambda\partial_x - xh_0\partial_\lambda + xH_{h_0})$$

where now  $H_{h_0}$  is the Hamilton vector field with respect to  $y$  and  $\eta$ .

The constant energy surface  $p_0 = 1$  remains smooth, but non-compact, near the boundary, which it intersects transversally in  $\lambda = 1$ . From this the result follows – with the non-vanishing smooth vector field being  ${}^bH_{p_0}$  divided by the boundary defining function  $x$  near the boundary.  $\square$

The logarithmic behaviour of the distance function in (2.3) with one point fixed in the interior is a consequence of Lemma 2.2, since the differential of the distance must be of the form  $a dx/x + b \cdot dy$  for smooth functions  $a$  and  $b$ , and since it is closed,  $a$  is necessarily constant on the boundary.

To examine the distance as a function of both variables a similar construction for the product, in this case  $M^2$ ,  $M = \mathbb{B}^n$  can be used. The graph,  $\Lambda$ , of the differential of the distance  $d(p, p')$  as a function on  $M^2$  is the joint flow out of the conormal sphere bundle to the diagonal in  $T^*M^2 = T^*M \times T^*M$ , under the two Hamiltonian vector fields of the two metric functions within the product sphere bundles. As before it is natural to lift to  ${}^0T^*M \times {}^0T^*M$  where the two sphere bundles extend smoothly up to the boundary. However, one can make a stronger statement, namely that the lifted Hamilton vector fields are smooth on the b-cotangent bundle of  $M_0^2$ , and indeed even on the ‘partially b’-cotangent bundle of  $M_0^2$ , with ‘partially’ meaning it is the standard cotangent bundle over the interior of the front face. This is defined and discussed in more detail below; note that the identification of these bundles over the interior of  $M_0^2$  extends to a smooth map from these bundles to the lift of  ${}^0T^*M \times {}^0T^*M$ , as we show later, explaining the ‘stronger’ claim.

Smoothness of the Hamilton vector field together with transversality conditions shows that the flow-out of the conormal bundle of the diagonal is a smooth Lagrangian submanifold of the cotangent bundle under consideration; closeness to a particular Lagrangian (such as that for hyperbolic space) restricted to which projection to  $M_0^2$  is a diffeomorphism, guarantees that this Lagrangian is also a graph over  $M_0^2$ . Thus, over the interior,  $(M_0^2)^\circ$ , it is the graph of the differential of the distance function, and the latter is smooth; the same would hold globally if the Lagrangian were smooth on  $T^*M_0^2$ . The latter cannot happen, though the Lagrangian will be a graph in the b-, and indeed the partial b-, cotangent bundles over  $M_0^2$ . These give regularity of the distance function, namely smoothness up to the front face (directly for the partial b bundle, with a short argument if using the b bundle), and the logarithmic behavior up to the other faces. Note that had we only showed the graph statement in the pullback of  ${}^0T^*M \times {}^0T^*M$ , one would obtain directly only a weaker regularity statement for the distance function; roughly speaking, the closer the bundle in which the Lagrangian is described is to the standard cotangent bundle, the more regularity the distance function has.

In fact it is possible to pass from the dual of the lifted product 0-tangent bundle to the dual of the b-tangent bundle, or indeed the partial b-bundle, by blow-up, as

for the single space above. Observe first that the natural inclusion

$$(2.17) \quad \iota_{0b} \times \iota_{0b} : {}^0TM \times {}^0TM \longrightarrow {}^bTM^2 = {}^bTM \times {}^bTM$$

identifies the sections of the bundle on the left with those sections of the bundle on the right, the tangent vector fields on  $M^2$ , which are also tangent to the two fibrations, one for each boundary hypersurface

$$(2.18) \quad \phi_L : \partial M \times M \longrightarrow M, \quad \phi_R : M \times \partial M \longrightarrow M.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *The fibrations (2.18), restricted to the interiors, extend by continuity to fibrations  $\phi_L$ , resp.  $\phi_R$ , of the two ‘old’ boundary hypersurfaces of  $M_0^2$  and the smooth sections of the lift of  ${}^0TM \times {}^0TM$  to  $M_0^2$  are naturally identified with the subspace of the smooth sections of  ${}^bTM_0^2$  which are tangent to these fibrations and also to the fibres of the front face of the blow up,  $\beta_0 : \text{ff}(M_0^2) \longrightarrow \partial M \times \partial M$ .*

*Proof.* It is only necessary to examine the geometry and vector fields near the front face produced by the the blow up of the diagonal near the boundary. Using the symmetry between the two factors, it suffices to consider two types of coordinate systems. The first is valid in the interior of the front fact and up to a general point in the interior of the intersection with one of the old boundary faces. The second is valid near a general point of the corner of the front face, which has fibers which are quarter spheres.

For the first case let  $x, y$  and  $x', y'$  be the same local coordinates in two factors. The coordinates

$$(2.19) \quad s = x/x', \quad x', \quad y \quad \text{and} \quad Y = (y' - y)/x'$$

are valid locally in  $M_0^2$  above the point  $x = x' = 0, y = y'$ , up to the lift of the old boundary  $x = 0$ , which becomes locally  $s = 0$ . The fibration of this hypersurface is given by the constancy of  $y$  and the front face is  $x' = 0$  with fibration also given by the constancy of  $y$ . The vector fields

$$x\partial_x, \quad x\partial_y, \quad x'\partial_{x'} \quad \text{and} \quad x'\partial_{y'}$$

lift to

$$s\partial_s, \quad sx'\partial_y - s\partial_Y, \quad x'\partial_{x'} - s\partial_s - Y \cdot \partial_Y \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_Y.$$

The basis  $s\partial_s, sx'\partial_y, x'\partial_{x'}$  and  $\partial_Y$  shows that these vector fields are locally precisely the tangent vector fields also tangent to both fibrations.

After relabeling the tangential variables as necessary, and possibly switching their signs, so that  $y'_1 - y_1 > 0$  is a dominant variable, the coordinate system

$$(2.20) \quad t = y'_1 - y_1, \quad s_1 = \frac{x}{y'_1 - y_1}, \quad s_2 = \frac{x'}{y'_1 - y_1}, \quad Z_j = \frac{y'_j - y_j}{y'_1 - y_1}, \quad j > 1, \quad y$$

can be used at a point in the corner of the front face. The three boundary hypersurfaces are locally  $s_1 = 0, s_2 = 0$  and  $t = 0$  and their respective fibrations are given in these coordinates by

$$(2.21) \quad \begin{aligned} s_1 &= 0, \quad y = \text{const.}, \\ s_2 &= 0, \quad y'_1 = y_1 + t = \text{const.}, \quad y'_j = y_j + tZ_j = \text{const.}, \quad j > 1, \\ t &= 0, \quad y = \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the intersections of fibres of the lifted left or right faces with the front face are precisely boundary hypersurfaces of fibres there. On the other hand within the intersection of the lifted left and right faces the respective fibres are transversal

except at the boundary representing the front face. The lifts of the basis of the zero vector fields is easily computed:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.22) \quad & x\partial_x \longmapsto s_1\partial_{s_1}, \\
 & x\partial_{y_1} \longrightarrow -s_1t\partial_t + s_1^2\partial_{s_1} + s_1s_2\partial_{s_2} + s_1Z \cdot \partial_Z + s_1t\partial_{y_1}, \\
 & x\partial_{y_j} \longmapsto s_1t\partial_{y_j} - s_1\partial_{Z_j}, \\
 & x'\partial_{x'} \longmapsto s_2\partial_{s_2}, \\
 & x'\partial_{y'_1} \longrightarrow s_2t\partial_t - s_2s_1\partial_{s_1} - s_2^2\partial_{s_2} - s_2Z \cdot \partial_Z, \\
 & x'\partial_{y'_j} \longmapsto s_2\partial_{Z_j}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The span, over  $C^\infty(M_0^2)$ , of these vector fields is also spanned by

$$s_1\partial_{s_1}, s_2\partial_{s_2}, s_2\partial_{Z_j}, j > 1, s_1(t\partial_{y_j} - \partial_{Z_j}), j > 1, s_1(t\partial_t - t\partial_{y_1} - Z \cdot \partial_Z) \text{ and } s_2t\partial_t.$$

These can be seen to locally span the vector fields tangent to all three boundaries and corresponding fibrations, proving the Lemma.  $\square$

With  $\phi = \{\phi_L, \phi_R, \beta_0\}$  the collection of boundary fibrations, we denote by  ${}^\phi TM_0^2$  the bundle whose smooth sections are exactly the smooth vector fields tangent to all boundary fibrations. Thus, the content of the preceding lemma is that

$$\beta^*({}^0TM \times {}^0TM) = {}^\phi TM_0^2.$$

These fibrations allow the reconstruction of  ${}^bT^*M_0^2$  as a blow up of the lift of  ${}^0T^*M \times {}^0T^*M$  to  $M_0^2$ . It is also useful, for more precise results later on, to consider the ‘partially b-’ cotangent bundle of  $M_0^2$ ,  ${}^{b,\text{ff}}T^*M_0^2$ ; this is the dual space of the partially b-tangent bundle,  ${}^{b,\text{ff}}TM_0^2$ , whose smooth sections are smooth vector fields on  $M_0^2$  which are tangent to the old boundaries, but not necessarily to the front face, ff. Thus, in coordinates (2.19),  $s\partial_s, \partial_{x'}, \partial_y$  and  $\partial_Y$  form a basis of  ${}^{b,\text{ff}}TM_0^2$ , while in coordinates (2.20),  $s_1\partial_{s_1}, s_2\partial_{s_2}, \partial_t, \partial_{Z_j}$  and  $\partial_y$  do so. Let

$$\iota_{0b}^2 : {}^\phi TM_0^2 \rightarrow {}^bTM_0^2, \iota_{0b,\text{ff}}^2 : {}^\phi TM_0^2 \rightarrow {}^{b,\text{ff}}TM_0^2$$

be the inclusion maps.

**Lemma 2.5.** *The annihilators, in the lift of  ${}^0T^*M \times {}^0T^*M$  to  $M_0^2$ , of the null space of either  $\iota_{0b}^2$  or  $\iota_{0b,\text{ff}}^2$  over the old boundaries, as in Lemma 2.4, form transversal embedded  $p$ -submanifolds. After these are blown up, the closure of the annihilator of the nullspace of  $\iota_{0b}^2$ , resp.  $\iota_{0b,\text{ff}}^2$ , over the interior of the front face of  $M_0^2$  is a  $p$ -submanifold, the subsequent blow up of which produces a manifold with corners with three ‘old’ boundary hypersurfaces; the complement of these three hypersurfaces is canonically diffeomorphic to  ${}^bT^*M_0^2$ , resp.  ${}^{b,\text{ff}}T^*M_0^2$ .*

*Proof.* By virtue of Lemma 2.2 and the product structure away from the front face ff of  $M_0^2$ , the statements here are trivially valid except possibly near ff. We may again use the coordinate systems discussed in the proof of Lemma 2.4. Consider the linear variables in the fibres in which a general point is  $lx\partial_x + v \cdot x\partial_y + l'x'\partial_{x'} + v' \cdot x'\partial_{y'}$ .

First consider the inclusion into  ${}^bTM_0^2$ . In the interiors of  $s_1 = 0$  and  $s_2 = 0$  and the front face respectively, the null bundles of the inclusion into the tangent

vector fields are

(2.23)

$$\begin{aligned} l = l' = 0, \quad v' = 0, \\ l = l' = 0, \quad v = 0, \\ ls\partial_s + v(sx'\partial_y - s\partial_Y) + l'(x'\partial_{x'} - s\partial_s - Y\partial_Y) + v'\partial_Y = 0 \text{ at } x' = 0, \quad s > 0 \\ \iff l = l' = 0, \quad v' = sv. \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding annihilator bundles, over the interiors of the boundary hypersurfaces of  $M_0^2$ , in the dual bundle, with basis

$$(2.24) \quad \lambda \frac{dx}{x} + \mu \frac{dy}{x} + \lambda' \frac{dx'}{x'} + \mu' \frac{dy'}{x'}$$

are therefore, as submanifolds,

$$\begin{aligned} (2.25) \quad & s_1 = 0, \quad \mu = 0, \\ & s_2 = 0, \quad \mu' = 0 \text{ and} \\ & x' = 0, \quad \mu + s\mu' = 0 \text{ or } t = 0, \quad s_2\mu + s_1\mu' = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here the annihilator bundle over the front face is given with respect to both the coordinate system (2.19) and (2.20).

Thus, the two subbundles over the old boundary hypersurfaces meet transversally over the intersection, up to the corner, as claimed and so can be blown up in either order. In the complement of the lifts of the old boundaries under these two blow ups, the variables  $\mu/s_1$  and  $\mu'/s_2$  become legitimate; in terms of these the subbundle over the front face becomes smooth up to, and with a product decomposition at, all its boundaries. Thus, it too can be blown up. That the result is a (painful) reconstruction of the b-cotangent bundle of the blown up manifold  $M_0^2$  follows directly from the construction.

It remains to consider the inclusion into  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}TM_0^2$ . The only changes are at the front face, namely the third line of (2.23) becomes

(2.26)

$$\begin{aligned} ls\partial_s + v(sx'\partial_y - s\partial_Y) + l'(x'\partial_{x'} - s\partial_s - Y\partial_Y) + v'\partial_Y = 0 \text{ at } x' = 0, \quad s > 0 \\ \iff l = l', \quad v' = sv + l'Y. \end{aligned}$$

Correspondingly the third line of (2.25) becomes

$$(2.27) \quad \begin{aligned} & x' = 0, \quad \lambda + \lambda' + \mu'Y = 0, \quad \mu + s\mu' = 0 \\ & \text{or } t = 0, \quad s_2\mu + s_1\mu' = 0, \quad s_2(\lambda + \lambda') + \mu'_1 + \sum_{j \geq 2} \mu'_j Z_j = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the argument is unchanged, except that the conclusion is that  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}T^*M_0^2$  is being reconstructed.  $\square$

Note that for any manifold with corners,  $X$ , the b-cotangent bundle of any boundary hypersurface  $H$  (or indeed any boundary face) includes naturally as a subbundle  ${}^{\text{b}}T^*H \hookrightarrow {}^{\text{b}}T^*_H X$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** *The Hamilton vector field of  $g_\delta$  lifts from either the left or the right factor of  $M$  in  $M^2$  to a smooth vector field, tangent to the boundary hypersurfaces, on  ${}^{\text{b}}T^*M_0^2$ , as well as on  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}T^*M_0^2$ , still denoted by  $\mathbf{H}_{g_\delta}^L$ , resp.  $\mathbf{H}_{g_\delta}^R$ . Moreover,  $\mathbf{H}_{g_\delta}^L = \rho_L V^L$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{g_\delta}^R = \rho_R V^R$ , where  $V_L$ , resp.  $V_R$  are smooth vector fields tangent to*

all hypersurfaces except the respective cotangent bundles over the left, resp. right, boundaries, to which they are transversal, and where  $\rho_L$  and  $\rho_R$  are defining functions of the respective cotangent bundles over these boundaries.

*Proof.* Inserting the explicit form of the Euclidean metric, the Hamilton vector field in (2.15) becomes

$$(2.28) \quad {}^0H_{p_0} = \lambda(x\partial_x + \mu\partial_\mu) - |\mu|^2\partial_\lambda + x\mu \cdot \partial_y.$$

Consider the lift of this vector field to the product,  ${}^0T^*M \times {}^0T^*M$ , from left and right, and then under the blow up of the diagonal in the boundary. In the coordinate systems (2.19) and (2.20)

$$(2.29) \quad \begin{aligned} {}^0H_{p_0}^L &= \lambda(s\partial_s + \mu\partial_\mu) - |\mu|^2\partial_\lambda + s\mu(x'\partial_y - \partial_Y) \\ {}^0H_{p_0}^R &= \lambda'(x'\partial_{x'} - s\partial_s - Y\partial_Y + \mu'\partial_{\mu'}) - |\mu'|^2\partial_{\lambda'} + \mu'\partial_Y \\ {}^0H_{p_0}^L &= \lambda(s_1\partial_{s_1} + \mu\partial_\mu) - |\mu|^2\partial_\lambda + s_1 \sum_{j \geq 2} \mu_j(t\partial_{y_j} - \partial_{Z_j}) \\ &\quad + s_1\mu_1(t\partial_{y_1} - t\partial_t + s_1\partial_{s_1} + s_2\partial_{s_2} + \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j\partial_{Z_j}) \\ {}^0H_{p_0}^R &= \lambda'(s_2\partial_{s_2} + \mu'\partial_{\mu'}) - |\mu'|^2\partial_{\lambda'} + s_2 \sum_{j \geq 2} \mu'_j\partial_{Z_j} \\ &\quad + s_2\mu'_1(t\partial_t - s_1\partial_{s_1} - s_2\partial_{s_2} - \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j\partial_{Z_j}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that the bundle itself is just pulled back here, so only the base variables are changed.

Next we carry out the blow ups of Lemma 2.5. The centers of blow up are given explicitly, in local coordinates, in (2.25), with the third line replaced by (2.27) in the case of  $\iota_{0b,ff}^2$ . We are only interested in the behaviour of the lifts of the vector fields in (2.29) near the front faces introduced in the blow ups.

Consider  $\iota_{0b}^2$  first. For the first two cases there are two blow-ups, first of  $\mu = 0$  in  $s = 0$  and then of  $\mu + s\mu' = 0$  in  $x' = 0$ . Thus, near the front face of the first blow up, the  $\mu$  variables are replaced by  $\tilde{\mu} = \mu/s$  and then the center of the second blow up is  $\tilde{\mu} + \mu' = 0$ ,  $x' = 0$ . Thus, near the front face of the second blow up we can use as coordinates  $s$ ,  $x'$ ,  $\mu'$  and  $\nu = (\tilde{\mu} + \mu')/x'$ , i.e. substitute  $\tilde{\mu} = -\mu' + x'\nu$ . In the coordinate patch (2.29) the lifts under the first blow up are

$$(2.30) \quad \begin{aligned} {}^0H_{p_0}^L &\mapsto \lambda s\partial_s - s^2|\tilde{\mu}|^2\partial_\lambda + s^2\tilde{\mu}(x'\partial_y - \partial_Y) \\ {}^0H_{p_0}^R &\mapsto \lambda'(x'\partial_{x'} - s\partial_s - Y\partial_Y + \tilde{\mu}\partial_{\tilde{\mu}} + \mu'\partial_{\mu'}) - |\mu'|^2\partial_{\lambda'} + \mu'\partial_Y. \end{aligned}$$

Thus under the second blow up, the left Hamilton vector field lifts to

$$(2.31) \quad {}^0H_{p_0}^L \mapsto sT, \quad T = \lambda\partial_s - s|\tilde{\mu}|^2\partial_\lambda + s\tilde{\mu}(x'\partial_y - \partial_Y)$$

where  $T$  is transversal to the boundary  $s = 0$  where  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

A similar computation near the corner shows the lifts of the two Hamilton vector fields under blow up the fibrations of  $s_1 = 0$  and  $s_2 = 0$  in terms of the new



coordinates  $\tilde{\mu} = \mu/s_1$  and  $\tilde{\mu}' = \mu'/s_2$  to be

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^0H_{p_0}^L &= \lambda s_1 \partial_{s_1} - s_1^2 |\tilde{\mu}|^2 \partial_\lambda + s_1^2 \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}_j (t \partial_{y_j} - \partial_{Z_j}) \\
&\quad + s_1^2 \tilde{\mu}_1 (t \partial_{y_1} - t \partial_t + s_1 \partial_{s_1} - \tilde{\mu} \partial_{\tilde{\mu}} + s_2 \partial_{s_2} - \tilde{\mu}' \partial_{\tilde{\mu}'} + \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j \partial_{Z_j}), \\
(2.32) \quad {}^0H_{p_0}^R &= \lambda' s_2 \partial_{s_2} - s_2^2 |\tilde{\mu}'|^2 \partial_{\lambda'} + s_2^2 \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}'_j \partial_{Z_j} \\
&\quad + s_2^2 \tilde{\mu}'_1 (t \partial_t - s_1 \partial_{s_1} + \tilde{\mu} \partial_{\tilde{\mu}} - s_2 \partial_{s_2} + \tilde{\mu}' \partial_{\tilde{\mu}'} - \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j \partial_{Z_j}).
\end{aligned}$$

The final blow up is that of  $t = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\mu} + \tilde{\mu}' = 0$ , near the front face of this blow-up replacing  $(t, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\mu}')$  by  $(t, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\nu})$ ,  $\tilde{\nu} = (\tilde{\mu} + \tilde{\mu}')/t$ , as valid coordinates (leaving the others unaffected). Then the vector fields above become

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^0H_{p_0}^L &= s_1 \tilde{T}^L, \quad {}^0H_{p_0}^R = s_2 \tilde{T}^R, \\
(2.33) \quad \tilde{T}^L &= \lambda \partial_{s_1} - s_1 |\tilde{\mu}|^2 \partial_\lambda + s_1 \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}_j (t \partial_{y_j} - \partial_{Z_j}) \\
&\quad + s_1 \tilde{\mu}_1 (t \partial_{y_1} - t \partial_t + s_1 \partial_{s_1} - \tilde{\mu} \partial_{\tilde{\mu}} + s_2 \partial_{s_2} + \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j \partial_{Z_j}), \\
\tilde{T}^R &= \lambda' \partial_{s_2} - s_2 |\tilde{\mu}'|^2 \partial_{\lambda'} + s_2 \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}'_j \partial_{Z_j} \\
&\quad + s_2 \tilde{\mu}'_1 (t \partial_t - s_1 \partial_{s_1} + \tilde{\mu} \partial_{\tilde{\mu}} - s_2 \partial_{s_2} - \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j \partial_{Z_j}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus both left and right Hamilton vector fields are transversal to the respective boundaries after a vanishing factor is removed, provided  $\lambda, \lambda' \neq 0$ .

The final step is to show that the same arguments apply to the perturbed metric. First consider the lift, from left and right, of the perturbation to the Hamilton vector field arising from the perturbation of the metric. By assumption, the perturbation  $H$  is a 2-cotensor which is smooth up to the boundary. Thus, as a perturbation of the dual metric function on  ${}^0T^*M$  it vanishes quadratically at the boundary. In local coordinates near a boundary point it follows that the perturbation of the differential of the metric function is of the form

$$(2.34) \quad dp - dp_0 = x^2 \left( a \frac{dx}{x} + b dy + c d\lambda + e d\mu \right)$$

From (2.14) it follows that the perturbation of the Hamilton vector field is of the form

$$(2.35) \quad H_p - H_{p_0} = x^2 (a' x \partial_x + b' x \partial_y + c' \partial_\lambda + e' \partial_\mu)$$

on  ${}^0T^*M$ . Lifted from the right or left factors to the product and then under the blow-up of the diagonal to  $M_0^2$  it follows that in the coordinate systems (2.19) and (2.20), the perturbations are of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.36) \quad H_p^L - H_{p_0}^L &= s^2 (x')^2 V^L, \quad H_p^R - H_{p_0}^R = (x')^2 V^R, \quad V^L, V^R \in \mathcal{V}_b, \\
H_p^L - H_{p_0}^L &= s_1^2 t^2 W^L, \quad H_p^R - H_{p_0}^R = s_2^2 t^2 W^R, \quad W^L, W^R \in \mathcal{V}_b
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_b$  denotes the space of smooth vector fields tangent to all boundaries. Since the are lifted from the right and left factors,  $V^L$  and  $V^R$  are necessarily tangent

to the annihilator submanifolds of the right and left boundaries. It follows that the vector fields  $sx'V^L$  and  $x'V^R$  are tangent to both fibrations above a coordinate patch as in (2.19) and  $s_1tV^L$  and  $s_2tV^R$  are tangent to all three annihilator submanifolds above a coordinate patch (2.20). Thus, after the blow ups which reconstruct  ${}^bT^*M_0^2$ , the perturbations lift to be of the form

$$(2.37) \quad H_p^L - H_{p_0}^L = \rho_L \rho_{\text{ff}} U^L, \quad H_p^R - H_{p_0}^R = \rho_R \rho_{\text{ff}} U^R$$

where  $U^L$  and  $U^R$  are smooth vector fields on  ${}^bT^*M_0^2$ .

From (2.37) it follows that the transversality properties in (2.31) and (2.33) persist.

Now consider  $\iota_{0b,\text{ff}}^2$ . First, (2.30) is unchanged, since the annihilators on the ‘old’ boundary faces are the same in this case. In particular, we still have  $\tilde{\mu} = \mu/s$  as one of our coordinates after the first blow up; the center of the second blow up is then  $x' = 0$ ,  $\lambda + \lambda' + \mu' \cdot Y = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\mu} + \mu' = 0$ . Thus, near the front face of the second blow up we can use as coordinates  $s, x', \mu'$  and  $\sigma = (\lambda + \lambda' + \mu' \cdot Y)/x'$ ,  $\nu = (\tilde{\mu} + \mu')/x'$ , i.e. substitute  $\tilde{\mu} = -\mu' + x'\nu$ , i.e.  $\mu = -\mu's + x's\nu$ , and  $\lambda = -\lambda' - \mu' \cdot Y + x'\sigma$ . Thus under the second blow up, the left Hamilton vector field lifts to

$$(2.38) \quad {}^0H_{p_0}^L \mapsto sT', \quad T' = \lambda\partial_s + \mu \cdot (-\nu\partial_\sigma + x'\partial_y - \partial_Y),$$

so  $T'$  is transversal to the boundary  $s = 0$  where  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

In the other coordinate chart, again, (2.32) is unchanged since the annihilators on the ‘old’ boundary faces are the same. The final blow up is that of

$$t = 0, \quad \tilde{\mu} + \tilde{\mu}' = 0, \quad \lambda + \lambda' + \tilde{\mu}'_1 + \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}'_j Z_j = 0,$$

near the front face of this blow-up replacing  $(t, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\mu}', \lambda, \lambda')$  by  $(t, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\nu}, \lambda, \tilde{\sigma})$ ,

$$\tilde{\nu} = (\tilde{\mu} + \tilde{\mu}')/t, \quad \tilde{\sigma} = (\lambda + \lambda' + \tilde{\mu}'_1 + \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}'_j Z_j)/t,$$

as valid coordinates (leaving the others unaffected). Then the vector fields above become

$$(2.39) \quad \begin{aligned} {}^0H_{p_0}^L &= s_1 \hat{T}^L, \quad {}^0H_{p_0}^R = s_2 \hat{T}^R, \\ \hat{T}^L &= \lambda \partial_{s_1} - s_1 |\tilde{\mu}|^2 \partial_\lambda + s_1 \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}_j (t \partial_{y_j} - \partial_{Z_j} - \tilde{\nu}_j \partial_{\tilde{\sigma}}) \\ &\quad + s_1 \tilde{\mu}_1 (t \partial_{y_1} - t \partial_t + s_1 \partial_{s_1} + \tilde{\sigma} \partial_{\tilde{\sigma}} - \tilde{\nu} \partial_{\tilde{\nu}} + s_2 \partial_{s_2} - \tilde{\nu}_1 \partial_{\tilde{\sigma}} + \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j \partial_{Z_j}), \\ \hat{T}^R &= \lambda' \partial_{s_2} + s_2 \sum_{j \geq 2} \tilde{\mu}'_j \partial_{Z_j} \\ &\quad + s_2 \tilde{\mu}'_1 (t \partial_t - s_1 \partial_{s_1} + \tilde{\mu} \partial_{\tilde{\mu}} - s_2 \partial_{s_2} - \tilde{\sigma} \partial_{\tilde{\sigma}} - \sum_{j \geq 2} Z_j \partial_{Z_j}). \end{aligned}$$

Again, both left and right Hamilton vector fields are transversal to the respective boundaries after a vanishing factor is removed, provided  $\lambda, \lambda' \neq 0$ . The rest of the argument proceeds as above.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *The differential of the distance function for the perturbed metric  $g_\delta$ , for sufficiently small  $\delta$ , on  $M = \mathbb{B}^n$  defines a global smooth Lagrangian submanifold  $\Lambda_\delta$ , of  ${}^bT^*(M \times_0 M)$ , which is a smooth section outside the lifted diagonal and which lies in  ${}^bT^*\text{ff}$  over the front face,  $\text{ff}(M_0^2)$  and in consequence there is a unique*

geodesic between any two points of  $(\mathbb{B}^3)^\circ$ , no conjugate points and (2.3) remains valid for  $\text{dist}_\delta(z, z')$ .

*Proof.* For the unperturbed metric this already follows from Lemma 2.1. We first reprove this result by integrating the Hamilton vector fields and then examine the effect of the metric perturbation. Thus we first consider the lift of the Hamilton vector field of the hyperbolic distance function from  ${}^0T^*M$ , from either the left of the right, to  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}T^*M_0^2$ , using the preceding lemma.

Although the global regularity of the Lagrangian which is the graph of the differential of the distance is already known from the explicit formula in this case, note that it also follows from the form of these two vector fields. The initial manifold, the unit conormal bundle to the diagonal, becomes near the corner of  $M^2$  the variety of those

$$(2.40) \quad \xi(dx - dx') + \eta(dy - dy') \text{ such that } \xi^2 + |\eta|^2 = \frac{1}{2x^2}, \quad x = x' > 0, \quad y = y'.$$

In the blown up manifold  $M_0^2$  the closure is smooth in  ${}^{\text{b}}T^*M_0^2$  and is the bundle over the lifted diagonal given in terms of local coordinates (2.19) by

$$(2.41) \quad \lambda \frac{ds}{s} + \mu dY, \quad \lambda^2 + |\mu|^2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad s = 1, \quad Y = 0;$$

the analogous statement also holds in  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}T^*M_0^2$  where one has the ‘same’ expression. Using the Hamilton flow in  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}T^*M_0^2$ , we deduce that the flow out is a global smooth submanifold, where smoothness includes up to all boundaries, of  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}T^*M_0^2$ , and is also globally a graph away from the lifted diagonal, as follows from the explicit form of the vector fields. Note that over the interior of the front face,  ${}^{\text{b,ff}}T^*M_0^2$  is just the standard cotangent bundle, so smoothness of the distance up to the front face follows. Over the left and right boundaries the Lagrangian lies in  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda' = 1$  so the form (2.3) of the distance follows.

The analogous conclusion can also be obtained by using the flow in  ${}^{\text{b}}T^*M_0^2$ . In this setting, we need that over the front face (2.41) is contained in the image of  ${}^{\text{b}}T^*\text{ff}$  to which both lifted vector fields are tangent. Thus it follows that the flow out is a global smooth submanifold, where smoothness includes up to all boundaries, of  ${}^{\text{b}}T^*M_0^2$  which is contained in the image of  ${}^{\text{b}}T^*\text{ff}$  over  $\text{ff}(M_0^2)$ . Again, it is globally a graph away from the lifted diagonal, as follows from the explicit form of the vector fields. Over the left and right boundaries the Lagrangian lies in  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda' = 1$  so the form (2.3) of the distance follows.

For small  $\delta$  these perturbation of the Hamilton vector fields are also small in supremum norm and have the same tangency properties at the boundaries used above to rederive (2.3), from which the Proposition follows.  $\square$

### 3. THE SEMICLASSICAL DOUBLE SPACE

In this section we construct the semiclassical double space,  $M_{0,h}$ , which will be the locus of our parametrix construction. To motivate the construction, we recall that Mazzeo and the first author [16] have analyzed the resolvent  $R(h, \sigma)$ , defined in equation (17), for  $\sigma/h \in \mathbb{C}$ , though the construction is not uniform as  $|\sigma/h| \rightarrow \infty$ . They achieved this by constructing the Schwartz kernel of the parametrix  $G(h, \sigma)$  to  $R(h, \sigma)$  as a conormal distribution defined on the manifold

$$M_0 = \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$$

defined in (2.2), see also figure 1, with meromorphic dependence on  $\sigma/h$ .

The manifold  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  is a  $2n+2$  dimensional manifold with corners. It contains two boundary components of codimension one, denoted as in [16] by

$$\partial_1^l(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}) = \partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \text{ and } \partial_1^r(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}) = \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1},$$

which have a common boundary  $\partial_2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}) = \partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . The lift of  $\partial_1^r(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  to  $M_0$ , which is the closure of

$$\beta^{-1}(\partial_1^r(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}) \setminus \partial_2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1})),$$

with  $\beta : M_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  the blow-down map, will be called the right face and denoted by  $\mathcal{R}$ . Similarly, the lift of  $\partial_1^l(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  will be called the left face and denoted by  $\mathcal{L}$ . The lift of  $\text{Diag} \cap \partial_2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ , which is its inverse image under  $\beta$ , will be called the front face  $\mathcal{F}$ , see figure 1.

We briefly recall the definitions of their classes of pseudodifferential operators, and refer the reader to [16] for full details. First they define the class  $\Psi_0^m(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  which consists of those pseudodifferential operators of order  $m$  whose Schwartz kernels lift under the blow-down map  $\beta$  defined in (2.2) to a distribution which is conormal (of order  $m$ ) to the lifted diagonal and vanish to infinite order at all faces, with the exception of the front face, up to which it is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  (with values in conormal distributions). Here, and elsewhere in the paper, we trivialized the right density bundle using a zero-density; we conveniently fix this as  $|dg_\delta(z')|$ . Thus, the Schwartz kernel of  $A \in \Psi_0^m(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  is  $K_A(z, z')|dg_\delta(z')|$ , with  $K_A$  as described above, so in particular is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  up to the front face.

It then becomes necessary to introduce another class of operators whose kernels are singular at the right and left faces. This class will be denoted by  $\Psi_0^{m,a,b}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ . An operator  $P \in \Psi_0^{m,a,b}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  if it can be written as a sum  $P = P_1 + P_2$ , where  $P_1 \in \Psi_0^m(X)$  and the Schwartz kernel  $K_{P_2}|dg_\delta(z')|$  of the operator  $P_2$  is such that  $K_{P_2}$  lifts under  $\beta$  to a conormal distribution which is smooth up to the front face, and which satisfies the following conormal regularity with respect to the other faces

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{V}_b^k \beta^* K_{P_2} \in \rho_L^a \rho_R^b L^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_b$  denotes the space of vector fields on  $M_0$  which are tangent to the right and left faces.

Next we define the semiclassical blow-up of

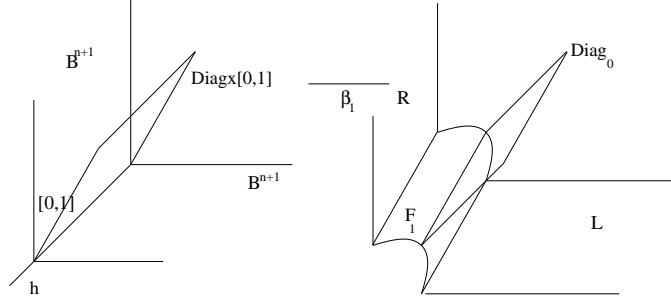
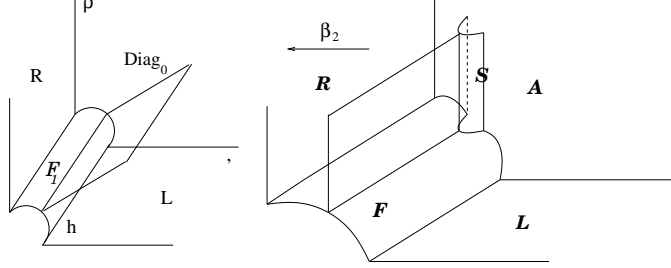
$$\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1)_h,$$

and the corresponding classes of pseudodifferential operators associated with it that will be used in the construction of the parametrix. The semiclassical double space is constructed in two steps. First, as in [16], we blow-up the intersection of the diagonal  $\text{Diag} \times [0, 1)$  with  $\partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1)$ . Then we blow-up the intersection of the lifted diagonal times  $[0, 1)$  with  $\{h = 0\}$ . We define the manifold with corners

$$(3.2) \quad M_{0,h} = [\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1)_h; \partial\text{Diag} \times [0, 1); \text{Diag}_0 \times \{0\}].$$

See Figures 2 and 3. We will denote the blow-down map

$$(3.3) \quad \beta_h : M_{0,h} \longrightarrow \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1).$$

FIGURE 2. The stretched product  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1]$ .FIGURE 3. The semiclassical blown-up space  $M_{0,h}$  obtained by blowing-up  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1]$  along  $\text{Diag}_0 \cap \{h = 0\}$ .

As above, we can define the right and left semiclassical faces as the lift of

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_1^l (\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1]) &= \partial \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1] \text{ and} \\ \partial_1^r (\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1]) &= \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \partial \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1], \end{aligned}$$

by the blow-down map  $\beta_h$ . We will denote the lift of the diagonal under the map  $\beta_h$  by  $\text{Diag}_h$ , i.e.

$$\text{Diag}_h = \text{the closure of } \beta_h^{-1} (\text{Diag} \times (0, 1) \setminus (\text{Diag} \cap (\partial \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \partial \mathbb{B}^{n+1}))).$$

The lift of  $\partial \text{Diag} \times [0, 1]$  will be called the zero front face  $\mathcal{F}$ , while the boundary obtained by the blow-up of  $\text{Diag}_0 \times [0, 1]$  along  $\text{Diag}_0 \times \{0\}$  will be called the semiclassical front face  $\mathcal{S}$ . The face which is obtained by the lift of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \{0\}$  is the semiclassical face, and will be denoted by  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We wish to find a parametrix such that  $P(h, \sigma)$  acting on the left produces the identity plus an error which vanishes to high enough order on the right and left faces,  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$ , and to infinite order at the zero-front face  $\mathcal{F}$ , the semiclassical front face  $\mathcal{S}$  and the semiclassical face  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus the error term is bounded as an operator acting between weighted  $L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  spaces and its norm goes to zero as  $h \downarrow 0$ .

As in [16] we define the class of semiclassical pseudodifferential operators in two steps. First we define the space  $P \in \Psi_{0,h}^m(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  which consists of operators whose kernel

$$K_P(z, z', h) |dg_\delta(z')|$$

lifts to a conormal distribution of order  $m$  to the lifted diagonal and vanishes to infinite order at all faces, except the zero front face, up to which it is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  (with

values in conormal distributions) and the semiclassical front face, up to which it is  $h^{-n-1}\mathcal{C}^\infty$  (with values in conormal distributions). We then define the space

(3.4)

$$\mathcal{K}^{a,b,c}(M_{0,h}) = \{K \in L^\infty(M_{0,h}) : \mathcal{V}_b^m K \in \rho_L^a \rho_A^b \rho_R^c \rho_S^{-n-1} L^\infty(M_{0,h}), \quad m \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_b$  denotes the Lie algebra of vector fields which are tangent to  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$ . Again, as in [16], we define the space  $\Psi_{0,h}^{m,a,b,c}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  as the operators  $P$  which can be expressed in the form  $P = P_1 + P_2$ , with  $P_1 \in \Psi_{0,h}^m(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  and the kernel  $K_{P_2} |dg_\delta(z')|$  of  $P_2$  is such  $\beta_h^* K_{P_2} \in \mathcal{K}^{a,b,c}(M_{0,h})$ .

#### 4. A SEMICLASSICAL PARAMETRIX FOR THE RESOLVENT IN DIMENSION THREE

In this section we construct a parametrix for the resolvent  $R(h, \sigma)$  defined in (17) in dimension three. We do this case separately because it is much simpler than in the general case, and one does not have to perform the semiclassical blow-up. Besides, we will also need part of this construction in the general case. More precisely, if  $n+1 = 3$ , and the metric  $g$  satisfies the hypotheses of Proposition 2.7, we will use Hadamard's method to construct the leading asymptotic term of the parametrix  $G(\sigma, h)$  at the diagonal, and the top two terms of the semiclassical asymptotics. Our construction takes place on  $(\mathbb{B}^3 \times_0 \mathbb{B}^3) \times [0, 1)_h$ , instead of its semiclassical blow up, i.e. the blow up of the zero-diagonal at  $h = 0$ , as described above. This is made possible by a coincidence, namely that in three dimensions, apart from an explicit exponential factor, the leading term in the asymptotics lives on  $\mathbb{B}^3 \times_0 \mathbb{B}^3 \times [0, 1)$ . However, to obtain further terms in the asymptotics would require the semiclassical blow up, as it will be working in higher dimensions. For example, this method only give bounds for the resolvent of width 1, while the more general construction gives the bounds on any strip.

We recall that in three dimensions the resolvent of the Laplacian in hyperbolic space,  $\Delta_{g_0}$ ,  $R_0(\sigma) = (\Delta_{g_0} - \sigma^2 - 1)^{-1}$  has a holomorphic continuation to  $\mathbb{C}$  as an operator from functions vanishing to infinite order at  $\partial\mathbb{B}^3$  to distributions in  $\mathbb{B}^3$ . The Schwartz kernel of  $R_0(\sigma)$  is given by

$$(4.1) \quad R_0(\sigma, z, z') = \frac{e^{-i\sigma r_0}}{4\pi \sinh r_0},$$

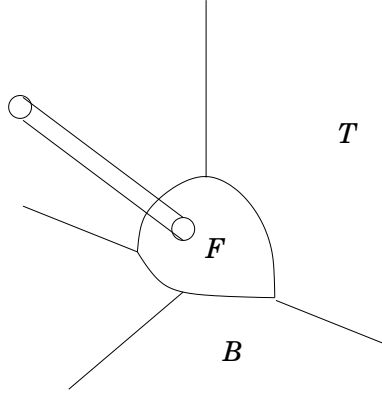
where  $r_0 = r_0(z, z')$  is the geodesic distance between  $z$  and  $z'$  with respect to the metric  $g_0$ , see for example [16].

Since there are no conjugate points for the geodesic flow of  $g$ , for each  $z' \in (\mathbb{B}^3)^\circ$ , the exponential map for the metric  $g$ ,  $\exp_g : T_{z'}(\mathbb{B}^3)^\circ \rightarrow (\mathbb{B}^3)^\circ$ , is a global diffeomorphism. Let  $(r, \theta)$  be geodesic normal coordinates for  $g$  which are valid in  $(\mathbb{B}^3)^\circ \setminus \{z'\}$ ;  $r(z, z') =: d(z, z')$  is the distance function for the metric  $g$ . Since  $r(z, z')$  is globally defined,  $g$  is a small perturbation of  $g_0$  and the kernel of  $R_0(\sigma)$  is given by (4.1), it is reasonable to seek a parametrix of  $R(h, \sigma)$  which has kernel of the form

$$(4.2) \quad G(h, \sigma, z, z') = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} h^{-2} U(h, \sigma, z, z'),$$

with  $U$  properly chosen.

We now reinterpret this as a semiclassical Lagrangian distribution to relate it to the results of Section 2. Thus,  $-\sigma r = -\sigma d(z, z')$  is the phase function for semiclassical distributions corresponding to the backward left flow-out of the conormal bundle of the diagonal inside the characteristic set of  $2p_\epsilon - \sigma^2$ . This flowout is the

FIGURE 4. The manifold  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ .

same as the forward right flow-out of the conormal bundle of the diagonal, and is also the dilated version, by a factor of  $\sigma$ , in the fibers of the cotangent bundle, of the flow-out of in the characteristic set of  $2p_\epsilon - 1$ , which we described in detail in Section 2.

In view of the results of Section 2, for the characteristic set of  $2p_\epsilon - 1$  (the general case of  $2p_\epsilon - \sigma^2$  simply gives an overall additional factor of  $\sigma$  due to the dilation), the lift  $\beta^* \partial_r$  of  $\partial_r$  to  $\mathbb{B}^3 \times_0 \mathbb{B}^3$  satisfies

$$(4.3) \quad \beta^* \partial_r = \widetilde{\Pi}_{\epsilon*} V_\epsilon^L,$$

and thus is a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  vector field on  $(\mathbb{B}^3 \times_0 \mathbb{B}^3) \setminus \text{Diag}_0$  which is tangent to all boundary faces, and at the left face  $L = B$ ,

$$(4.4) \quad \partial_r = -R_L + W_L,$$

where  $R_L$  is the radial vector field corresponding to the left face, and  $W_L \in \rho_L \mathcal{V}_b((\mathbb{B}^3 \times_0 \mathbb{B}^3) \setminus \text{Diag}_0)$ .

It is convenient to blow up  $\text{Diag}_0$  and lift  $\beta^* \partial_r$  further to this space. We thus define  $\mathbb{B}^3 \times_1 \mathbb{B}^3$  to be the manifold obtained from  $\mathbb{B}^3 \times_0 \mathbb{B}^3$  by blowing-up the diagonal  $\text{Diag}_0$  as shown in Fig. 4. Let  $\beta_d : \mathbb{B}^3 \times_1 \mathbb{B}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{B}^3 \times_0 \mathbb{B}^3$  denote the blow-down map and let  $\beta_d \circ \beta = \beta_{0d}$ . The vector field  $\beta_{0d}^* \partial_r$  is transversal to the new face introduced by blowing up the diagonal; it still satisfies the lifted analogue of (4.4). Moreover, integral curves of  $\beta_{0d}^* \partial_r$  hit the left face  $L$  away from its intersection with the right face  $R$  in finite time.

In coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  the metric  $g$  is given by

$$(4.5) \quad g = dr^2 + H(r, \theta, d\theta),$$

where  $H(r, \theta, d\theta)$  is a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  1-parameter family of metrics on  $\mathbb{S}^2$ . The Laplacian with respect to  $g$  in these coordinates is given by

$$\Delta_g = -\partial_r^2 - V \partial_r + \Delta_H, \quad V = \frac{1}{|g|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \partial_r (|g|^{\frac{1}{2}}),$$

where  $|g|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is the volume element of the metric  $g$  and  $\Delta_H$  is the Laplacian with respect to  $H$  on  $\mathbb{S}^2$ . The volume element  $|g|^{\frac{1}{2}}$  has the following expansion as  $r \downarrow 0$ ,

$$(4.6) \quad |g|^{\frac{1}{2}}(r, \theta) = r^2(1 + r^2 g_1(r, \theta)),$$

see for example page 144 of [7]. So

$$(4.7) \quad \Delta_g = -\partial_r^2 - \left(\frac{2}{r} + rA\right)\partial_r + \Delta_H$$

We want  $U$  in (4.2) to be of the form

$$(4.8) \quad U(h, \sigma, z, z') = U_0(\sigma, z, z') + hU_1(\sigma, z, z'),$$

and so

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & (h^2(\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) - \sigma^2) e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} h^{-2}U \\ &= e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} \left( (\Delta_g + x^2W - 1)U_0 + 2i\frac{\sigma}{h}|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_0) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2i\sigma|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_1) + h(\Delta_g + x^2W - 1)U_1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Here the leading term in  $h$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$  both overall, and as far as  $U_0$  is concerned, is

$$(4.10) \quad 2i\frac{\sigma}{h}|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_0),$$

and the leading term as far as  $U_1$  is concerned is

$$(4.11) \quad 2i\sigma|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_1).$$

In the interpretation as semiclassical Lagrangian distributions, these are both the differential operators arising in the transport equations. For Hamiltonians given by Riemannian metrics, these operators in the interior are well-known to be Lie derivatives with respect to the Hamilton vector field, when interpreted as acting on half-densities. This can also be read off directly from (4.10)-(4.11), with  $|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}$  being the half-density conversion factor,  $\sigma$  is due to working at energy  $\sigma$  (rather than 1), and the factor of 2 is due to the symbol of the Laplacian being  $2p_\epsilon$ .

To get rid of the term in  $h^{-1}$  we solve the 0th transport equation, i.e. we impose

$$\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_0) = 0,$$

and we choose  $U_0(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi}|g(r, \theta)|^{-\frac{1}{4}}$ . From (4.6) we have

$$(4.12) \quad |g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}(r, \theta) = r^{-1}(1 + r^2g_2(r, \theta)) \text{ near } r = 0.$$

Therefore, near  $r = 0$ ,

$$(4.13) \quad \Delta_g \frac{1}{4\pi}|g(r, \theta)|^{-\frac{1}{4}} = \delta(z, z') + \frac{1}{4\pi}Ar^{-1} + \frac{1}{4\pi}\Delta_g(rg_2).$$

This only occurs in three dimensions, and makes this construction easier than in the general case. In higher dimensions the power of  $r$  in (4.12) is  $r^{-\frac{n}{2}}$ , and does not coincide with the power of  $r$  of the fundamental solution of the Laplacian, which, in dimension  $n + 1$ , is  $r^{1-n}$ , so one does not get the delta function in (4.13).

To get rid of the term independent of  $h$  in (4.9) in  $r > 0$  we solve the first transport equation,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2i\sigma|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_1) + (\Delta_g + x^2W - 1)U_0 = 0 \text{ in } r > 0, \\ & U_1 = 0 \text{ at } r = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$(4.14) \quad U_1(r, \theta) = -\frac{1}{8i\sigma\pi}|g(r, \theta)|^{-\frac{1}{4}} \int_0^r |g|^{\frac{1}{4}}(s, \theta) (\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) |g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}(s, \theta) ds.$$



Since  $|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}$  is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  up to  $r = 0$ , and vanishes at  $r = 0$ , it follows from (4.13) that  $|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}\Delta_g|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}$  is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  up to  $r = 0$ . In particular the integrand in (4.14) is smooth up to  $r = 0$ . With these choices of  $U_0$  and  $U_1$  we obtain

$$(4.15) \quad \begin{aligned} & (h^2(\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) - \sigma^2) e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} h^{-2} U(h, \sigma, z, z') \\ &= \delta(z, z') + h e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} (\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) U_1(\sigma, z, z') \end{aligned}$$

This gives, in principle, a parametrix  $G(h, \sigma, z, z') = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} h^{-2} U(h, \sigma, z, z')$  in the interior of  $\mathbb{B}^3 \times \mathbb{B}^3$  in the two senses that the diagonal singularity of  $R(h, \sigma)$  is solved away to leading order, which in view of the ellipticity of the operator means that the error

$$E(h, \sigma) = (h^2(\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) - \sigma^2) G(h, \sigma) - \text{Id}$$

is a semiclassical pseudodifferential operator of order  $-1$  (in a large calculus, i.e. with non-infinite order vanishing off the semiclassical front face, which did not even appear in our calculations), and the top two terms of the semiclassical parametrix of  $(h^2(\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) - \sigma^2)^{-1}$  are also found.

In fact, our parametrix is better than this. To understand the behavior of  $G$  and the remainder

$$(4.16) \quad E(h, \sigma, z, z') = h e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} (\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) U_1$$

near the boundary of  $\mathbb{B}^3 \times \mathbb{B}^3$ , we need to analyze the behavior of  $U_0$  and  $U_1$  at the left and right boundary faces. We will do the computations for arbitrary dimensions, since we will need some of these estimates in the general case, but in this special situation we have  $n = 2$ .

We start by noting that the asymptotics of  $U_0$  and  $U_1$  follow from the transport equation which they satisfy. Indeed, much like we analyzed the flow-out of the conormal bundle of the diagonal, we show now that

$$(4.17) \quad U_0 \in \rho_D^{-1} \rho_L^{n/2} \rho_R^{n/2} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}), \quad U_1 \in R^2 \rho_L^{n/2} \rho_R^{n/2} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1});$$

here  $\rho_D$  is the defining function of the front face of the blow-up creating  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . Note that we have already shown this claim near this front face; the main content of the statement is the precise behavior as  $\rho_L, \rho_R \rightarrow 0$ .

We start with  $U_0$ . First, the conclusion away from the right face,  $\rho_R = 0$ , follows immediately from (4.4) since integral curves emanating from the lifted diagonal hit this region at finite time, and solutions of the Lie derivative equation have this form near the boundary. To have the analogous conclusion away from the left face, we remark that solutions of the left transport equation automatically solve the right transport equation; one can then argue by symmetry, or note directly that as  $-\partial_{r'}$  is the radial vector field at the right face, modulo an element of  $\rho_R \mathcal{V}_b(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ , and as integral curves of  $\partial_{r'}$  emanating from the lifted diagonal hit this region at finite time, and solutions of the Lie derivative equation have this form near the boundary. It remains to treat the corner where both  $\rho_L = 0$  and  $\rho_R = 0$ . The conclusion here now follows immediately as integral curves of  $\partial_r$  reach this corner in finite time from a punctured neighborhood of this corner, and in this punctured neighborhood we already have the desired regularity. This proves (4.17) for  $U_0$ .

To treat  $U_1$ , it suffices to prove that

$$(4.18) \quad (\Delta_g + x^2W - 1) U_0 \in R^2 \rho_L^{n/2+2} \rho_R^{n/2} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \setminus \text{Diag}_0),$$

for then

$$(4.19) \quad U_1 \in R^2 \rho_L^{n/2} \rho_R^{n/2} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \setminus \text{Diag}_0),$$

by the same arguments as those giving the asymptotics of  $U_0$ , but now applied to the inhomogeneous transport equation.

On the other hand, (4.18) follows from

$$\beta^* \pi_L^*(\Delta_g + x^2 W - 1) \in \text{Diff}_b^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$$

with

$$\beta^* \pi_L^*((\Delta_g + x^2 W - 1) - (\Delta_{g_0} - 1)) \in R^2 \rho_L^2 \text{Diff}_b^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1});$$

here  $\pi_L$  is added to emphasize the lift is that of the differential operator acting on the left factor; lifting the operator on the right factor results in an ‘error’  $R^2 \rho_R^2 \text{Diff}_b^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ . These two in turn follow immediately from the form of the metric, namely  $g_0 - g_\epsilon \in x^2 \mathcal{C}^\infty(X; {}^0T^*X \otimes {}^0T^*X)$ .

This completes the proof of (4.17), and also yields that, with  $n+1=3$ ,

$$(4.20) \quad \beta^*((\Delta_g + x^2 W - 1)U_1) \in R^2 \rho_L^{n/2+2} \rho_R^{n/2} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \setminus \text{Diag}_0).$$

Therefore, in the case  $n+1=3$ , we have proved the following

**Theorem 4.1.** *There exists a pseudodifferential operator,  $G(h, \sigma)$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$ , whose kernel is of the form*

$$G(h, \sigma, z, z') = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}} h^{-2} (U_0(h, \sigma, z, z') + h U_1(h, \sigma, z, z'))$$

with  $U_0$  and  $U_1$  satisfying (4.17) and such that the error  $E(h, \sigma) = P(h, \sigma)G(h, \sigma) - \text{Id}$  is given by (4.16) and satisfies (4.20).

## 5. THE STRUCTURE OF THE SEMICLASSICAL RESOLVENT

In this section we construct the general right semiclassical parametrix  $G(h, \sigma)$  for the resolvent. We will prove the following

**Theorem 5.1.** *There exists a pseudodifferential operator  $G(h, \sigma)$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$ , such that its kernel is of the form*

$$(5.1) \quad G(h, \sigma, z, z') = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}} U(h, \sigma, z, z'), \quad U \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2, \frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}-1, \frac{n}{2}}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

and that, using the notation of section 3,

$$P(h, \sigma)G(h, \sigma) - \text{Id} \in \rho_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty \rho_{\mathcal{S}}^\infty \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \infty, \infty, \frac{n}{2}+i\frac{\sigma}{h}}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

Now,  $r^2$  is a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  function on the zero double space away from the left and right faces and in a quadratic sense it defines the diagonal non-degenerately;  $r$  has an additional singularity at the zero-diagonal. Correspondingly  $(\frac{\sigma}{h})^2$  is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  on  $M_{0,h}$  away from  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  and defines the lifted diagonal non-degenerately in a quadratic sense;  $\frac{\sigma}{h}$  has an additional singularity at the zero diagonal. In particular,  $e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}}$  is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  on  $M_{0,h}$  away from  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  and the lifted diagonal,  $\text{Diag}_h$ ; at  $\text{Diag}_h$  it has the form of 1 plus a continuous conormal function vanishing there. Thus, its presence in any compact subset of  $M_{0,h} \setminus (\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{A})$  is not only artificial, but introduces an irrelevant singularity at  $\text{Diag}_h$ , so it is better to think of  $G$  as

$$G(h, \sigma, z, z') = G' + e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}} U'(h, \sigma, z, z'),$$

$$G' \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2}, \quad U' \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}-1, \frac{n}{2}},$$

where  $G'$  is supported near  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$  (i.e. its support intersects only the boundary hypersurfaces  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ , but not the other boundary hypersurfaces), and  $U'$  vanishes near  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$ .

Indeed, the first step in the construction of  $G$  is to construct a piece of  $G'$ , namely to find  $G_0 \in \Psi_{0,\hbar}^{-2}$  such that  $E_0 = P(h, \sigma)G_0(h, \sigma) - \text{Id}$  has no singularity at the lifted diagonal,  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$ , with  $G_0$  (hence  $E_0$ ) supported in a neighborhood of  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$  in  $M_{0,\hbar}$  that only intersects the boundary of  $M_{0,\hbar}$  at  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thus,

$$(5.2) \quad P(h, \sigma)G_0 - \text{Id} = E_0, \quad \text{with } E_0 \in \Psi_{0,\hbar}^{-\infty}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

Since  $P(h, \sigma)$  is elliptic in the interior of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , the construction of  $G_0$  in the interior follows from the standard Hadamard parametrix construction. We want to do this construction uniformly up to the zero front face and the semiclassical front face in the blown-up manifold  $M_{0,\hbar}$ . We notice that the lifted diagonal intersects the boundary of  $M_{0,\hbar}$  transversally at the zero and semiclassical front faces. Since  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$  intersects the boundary of  $M_{0,\hbar}$  transversally at  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ , we proceed as in [16], and extend  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$  across the boundary of  $M_{0,\hbar}$ , and want to extend the Hadamard parametrix construction across the boundary as well. To do that we have to make sure the operator  $P(h, \sigma)$  lifts to be uniformly transversally elliptic at the lift of  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$  up to the boundary of  $M_{0,\hbar}$ , i.e. it is elliptic on the conormal bundle of this lift, and thus it can be extended as a transversally (to the extension of the lifted diagonal) elliptic operator across the boundaries of  $M_{0,\hbar}$ . Note that up to  $\mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{F}$ , this is the standard semiclassical elliptic parametrix construction, while up to  $\mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{S}$ , this is the first step in the conformally compact elliptic parametrix construction of Mazzeo and the first author [16], so the claim here is that these constructions are compatible with each other and extend smoothly to the corner  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{F}$  near  $\text{Diag}_{\hbar}$ .

To see the claimed ellipticity, and facilitate further calculations, we remark that one can choose a defining function of the boundary  $x$  such that the metric  $g$  can be written in the form

$$g = \frac{dx^2}{x^2} + \frac{H_{\epsilon}(x, \omega)}{x^2},$$

where  $H_{\epsilon}$  is one-parameter family of  $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}$  metrics on  $\mathbb{S}^n$ . In these coordinates the operator  $P(h, \sigma)$  is given by

$$(5.3) \quad P(h, \sigma) = h^2 \left( -(x\partial_x)^2 + nx\partial_n + x^2A(x, \omega)\partial_x + x^2\Delta_{H_{\epsilon}(x, \omega)} + x^2W - \frac{n^2}{4} \right) - \sigma^2.$$

We then conjugate  $P(h, \sigma)$  by  $x^{\frac{n}{2}}$ , and we obtain

$$(5.4) \quad Q(h, \sigma) = x^{-\frac{n}{2}}P(h, \sigma)x^{\frac{n}{2}} = h^2 \left( -(x\partial_x)^2 + x^2A\partial_x + x^2\Delta_{H_{\epsilon}} + x^2B \right) - \sigma^2,$$

where  $B = -\frac{n}{2}A + W$ . To analyze the lift of  $Q(h, \sigma)$  under  $\beta_{\hbar}$  we work in projective coordinates for the blow-down map. We denote the coordinates on the left factor of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  by  $(x, \omega)$ , while the coordinates on the right factor will be denoted by  $(x', \omega')$ . Then we define projective coordinates

$$(5.5) \quad x' = \rho, \quad X = \frac{x}{x'}, \quad Y = \frac{\omega - \omega'}{x'},$$

which hold away from the left face. The front face is given by  $\mathcal{F} = \{\rho = 0\}$  and the lift of the diagonal is  $\text{Diag}_0 = \{X = 1, Y = 0\}$ . The lift of  $Q(h, \sigma)$  under the

zero blow-down map  $\beta$  is equal to

$$Q_0(h, \sigma) = \beta^* Q(h, \sigma) = h^2 \left( -(X\partial_X)^2 + X^2 A \rho \partial_X + X^2 \Delta_{H_\epsilon(\rho X, \omega' + \rho Y)}(D_Y) - X^2 \rho^2 B \right) - \sigma^2.$$

In this notation, the coefficients of  $\Delta_{H_\epsilon(\rho X, \omega' + \rho Y)}(D_Y)$  depend on  $\rho, \omega'$  and  $Y$ , but the derivatives are in  $Y$ . This operator is transversally elliptic in a neighborhood of  $\{X = 1, Y = 0\}$ , away from  $h = 0$ .

The restriction of the lift of  $Q_0(h, \sigma)$  to the front face  $\mathcal{F} = \{\rho = 0\}$ , is given by

$$N_{\mathcal{F}}(Q_0(h, \sigma)) = h^2 \left( -(X\partial_X)^2 + X^2 \Delta_{H_\epsilon(0, \omega')}(D_Y) \right) - \sigma^2.$$

As in [16],  $N_{\mathcal{F}}(Q_0(h, \sigma))$  will be called the normal operator of  $Q_0(h, \sigma)$  at the zero front face  $\mathcal{F}$ . Notice that it can be identified with Laplacian with respect to the hyperbolic metric on the half-plane  $\{X > 0, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  with metric  $X^{-2}(dX^2 + H_\epsilon(0, \omega'))$  conjugated by  $X^{\frac{n}{2}}$ .

Now we blow-up the intersection of  $\text{Diag}_0 \times [0, h)$  with  $h = 0$ . We define projective coordinates

$$(5.6) \quad X_{\hbar} = \frac{X-1}{\hbar}, \quad Y_{\hbar} = \frac{Y}{\hbar}.$$

The lift of  $Q(h, \sigma)$  under the semiclassical blow-down map  $\beta_{\hbar}$  is given in these coordinates by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\hbar} &= \beta_{\hbar}^* Q(h, \sigma) \\ &= -((1 + \hbar X_{\hbar})\partial_{X_{\hbar}})^2 + (1 + \hbar X_{\hbar})^2 \Delta_{H_\epsilon}(D_{Y_{\hbar}}) \\ &\quad - (1 + \hbar X_{\hbar})^2 A \rho \hbar \partial_{X_{\hbar}} + \hbar^2 \rho^2 (1 + \hbar X_{\hbar})^2 B - \sigma^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_\epsilon = H_\epsilon(\rho(1 + \hbar X_{\hbar}), \omega' + \rho \hbar Y_{\hbar})$ . This operator is transversally elliptic to  $\{X_{\hbar} = 0, Y_{\hbar} = 0\}$  near  $h = 0$ .

The restriction of the lift of  $Q_{\hbar}$  to the semiclassical face,  $\mathcal{S} = \{h = 0\}$  will be called the normal operator of  $Q_{\hbar}$  at the semiclassical face, and is equal to

$$(5.7) \quad N_{\mathcal{S}}(Q_{\hbar}) = -\partial_{X_{\hbar}}^2 + \Delta_{H_\epsilon(\rho, \omega')}(D_{Y_{\hbar}}) - \sigma^2.$$

This is a family of differential operators on  $\mathbb{R}_{X_{\hbar}, Y_{\hbar}}^{n+1}$  depending on  $\rho$  and  $\omega'$ , and for each  $\omega'$  and  $\rho$  fixed,  $N_{\mathcal{S}}(Q_{\hbar}) + \sigma^2$  is the Laplacian with respect to the metric

$$\delta_{\hbar} = dX_{\hbar}^2 + \sum H_{\epsilon, ij}(\rho, \omega) dY_{\hbar, i} dY_{\hbar, j},$$

which is isometric to the Euclidean metric under a linear change of variables  $(X_{\hbar}, Y_{\hbar})$  for fixed  $(\rho, \omega')$ , and the change of variables can be done smoothly in  $(\rho, \omega')$ . Note that the fibers of the semiclassical blow-down map  $\beta_{\hbar}$  on  $\mathcal{S}$  are given exactly by  $(\rho, \omega')$  fixed.

Therefore, the operator  $Q(h, \sigma)$  lifts under  $\beta_{\hbar}$  to an operator  $Q_{\hbar}$  which is elliptic in a neighborhood of the lifted diagonal uniformly up to the zero front face and the semiclassical front face. Since the diagonal meets the two faces transversally, one can extend it to a neighborhood of  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  in the double of the manifold  $M_{0, \hbar}$  across  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ , and one can also extend the operator  $Q_{\hbar}$  to be elliptic in that neighborhood. Now, using standard elliptic theory (or, put somewhat differently, the standard theory of conormal distributions to an embedded submanifold without boundary, in this case the extension of the diagonal), one can find

a  $G_0 \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  whose Schwartz kernel lifts to a distribution supported in a neighborhood of  $\text{Diag}_h$  such that

$$(5.8) \quad Q(h, \sigma)G_0 - \text{Id} = E_0 \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

Next we will remove the error at the semiclassical front face. We will find an operator

$$G_1 = G'_1 + e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r}U'_1, \quad G'_1 \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}), \quad U'_1 \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \infty, -\frac{n}{2}-1, \infty}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$$

such that  $G'_1$  is supported near  $\text{Diag}_h$  while  $U'_1$  is supported away from it, and

$$Q(h, \sigma)G_1 - E_0 = E_1,$$

$$(5.9) \quad E_1 = E'_1 + e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r}F_1, \quad E'_1 \in \rho_S^\infty \Psi_{0,h}, \quad F_1 \in \rho_S^\infty \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \infty, -\frac{n}{2}-1, \infty}$$

and with  $\beta_h^* K_{E_1}$  supported away from  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$ ,

and  $K_{E'_1}$ , resp.  $K_{F_1}$  supported near, resp. away from,  $\text{Diag}_h$ . In other words, the error term  $E_1$  is such that the kernel of  $E'_1$  vanishes to infinite order at all boundary faces (hence from now on we can regard it as trivial and ignore it), while the kernel of  $F_1$  lifts to a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  function which is supported near  $\mathcal{S}$  (and in particular vanishes to infinite order at the right and left faces), vanishes to infinite order at the semiclassical front face, and also vanishes to order  $\frac{n}{2}$  at the boundary face  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We will use the facts discussed above about the normal operator at the semiclassical face,  $N_S(Q_h)$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{S}$ , the semiclassical front face, is itself a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  manifold with boundary which intersects the zero front face,  $\mathcal{F}$ , transversally, and therefore it can be extended across  $\mathcal{F}$ . Similarly, the operator  $N_S(Q_h)$  can be extended to an elliptic operator across  $\mathcal{F}$ . We deduce from (5.7) that for each  $\rho$  and  $\omega'$  fixed, and for  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ , the inverse of  $N_S(Q_h)$  is essentially the resolvent of the Euclidean Laplacian at energy  $\sigma^2$ , pulled back by the linear change of variables corresponding to  $H_\epsilon(\rho, \omega')$ ; for  $\text{Im } \sigma \geq 0$  we use the analytic continuation of the resolvent from  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ . Here is where we need to make a choice corresponding to the analytic continuation of the resolvent of  $P(h, \sigma)$  we wish to construct, i.e. whether we proceed from  $\text{Im } \sigma > 0$  or  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ ; we need to make the corresponding choice for the Euclidean resolvent.

Let  $R_0$  denote the analytic continuation of the inverse  $L^2 \rightarrow H^2$  of the *family* (depending on  $\rho, \omega'$ )  $N_S(Q_h)$  from  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ ; it is thus (essentially, up to a linear change of coordinates, depending smoothly on  $\rho, \omega'$ ) the analytic continuation of the resolvent of the Euclidean Laplacian. Since we are working with the analytic continuation of the resolvent, it is not automatic that one can solve away exponentially growing errors which arise in the construction below (i.e. that one can apply  $R_0$  iteratively to errors that arise), and thus it is convenient to make the following construction quite explicit order in  $h$  we are merely in the ‘limiting absorption principle’ regime (i.e. with real spectral parameter), thus the construction below is actually stronger than what is needed below. Moreover, from this point of view the construction can be interpreted as an extension of the semiclassical version of the intersecting Lagrangian construction of [18] extended to the 0-double space; from this perspective the method we present is very ‘down to earth’.

Via the use of a partition of unity, we may assume that there is a coordinate patch  $U$  in  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  (on which the coordinates are denoted by  $z$ ) such that  $E_0$  is supported in  $\beta_h^{-1}(U \times U \times [0, 1))$ . Note that coordinate charts of this form cover a neighborhood of  $\mathcal{S}$ , so in particular  $E_0$  is in  $\dot{\mathcal{C}}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1))$  outside

these charts, hence can already be regarded as part of the final error term and we can ignore these parts henceforth.

Now, near  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\beta_h^{-1}(U \times U \times [0, 1])$  has a product structure  $\overline{0}TU \times [0, \delta_0) = U \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, \delta_0)$ , where  $\overline{0}TU$  denotes the fiber-compactified zero tangent bundle, and  $[0, \delta_0)$  corresponds to the boundary defining function  $\rho_S$ . Indeed, the normal bundle of  $\text{Diag}_0$  in  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  can be identified with  ${}^0T\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , via lifting 0-vector fields from on  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  via the left projection, which are transversal to  $\text{Diag}_0$ , hence the interior of the inward pointing spherical normal bundle of  $\text{Diag}_0 \times \{0\}$  in  $M_0 = \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1)$  can be identified with  ${}^0T\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , while the inward pointing spherical normal bundle itself can be identified with the radial compactification of  ${}^0T\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . However, it is fruitful to choose the identification in a particularly convenient form locally. Namely, away from  $\partial \text{Diag}_0 \times \{0\}$ , coordinates  $z$  on  $U$  give coordinates

$$z', Z_h = (z - z')/h, \rho_S$$

near the interior of the front face  $\mathcal{S}$  (here  $Z_h$  is the coordinate on the fiber of  $T_U\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  over  $z'$ ), while near  $\partial \text{Diag}_0 \times \{0\}$ ,  $(x', \omega', X_h, Y_h, \rho_S)$  (see (5.6)) are coordinates near the interior of  $\mathcal{S}$  (now  $(X_h, Y_h)$  are the coordinates on the fiber of  ${}^0T_U\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  over  $(x', \omega')$ ). To obtain coordinates valid near the corner, one simply needs to radially compactify the fibers of  ${}^0T_U\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , i.e. replace the linear coordinates  $Z_h$ , resp.  $(X_h, Y_h)$  by radially compactified versions such as  $|Z_h|$  and  $\hat{Z}_h = Z_h/|Z_h| \in \mathbb{S}^n$  in the former case.

Moreover, if a function, such as  $E_0$ , is supported away from  $\mathcal{A}$ , then its support is compact in the *interior* of the fibers  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  of the fiber-compactified tangent space. Now, the interior of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  is a vector space,  $T_pU$ ,  $p \in U$ , and in particular one can talk about fiberwise polynomials. Over compact subsets of the fibers, the boundary defining function  $\rho_S$  is equivalent to  $h$ , and indeed we may choose boundary defining functions  $\rho_A$  and  $\rho_S$  such that

$$h = \rho_A \rho_S.$$

Note that  $\rho_A$  is thus a boundary defining function of the compactified fibers of the tangent bundle; it is convenient to make a canonical choice using the metric  $g_\epsilon$ , which is an inner product on  ${}^0T_pU$ , hence a translation invariant metric on the fibers of  ${}^0TU$ , namely to make the defining function  $\rho_A$  the reciprocal of the distance function from the zero section (i.e. the diagonal under the identification), smoothed out at the zero section. In particular, if  $U$  is a coordinate chart near  $\partial \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  then  $\rho_A = ((X_1)^2 + |Y_1|_{H_\epsilon}^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . This is indeed consistent with our previous calculations since

$$\rho_A = h ((X - 1)^2 + |Y|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

and therefore it is, away from  $\text{Diag}_h$ , a defining function of the semiclassical face  $\mathcal{A}$ .

If  $v \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M_{0,h})$ , then expanding  $v$  in Taylor series around  $\mathcal{S}$  up to order  $N$ , we have

$$v = \sum_{k \leq N} \rho_S^k v'_k + v', \quad v'_k \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\overline{T}U), \quad v' \in \rho_S^{N+1} \mathcal{C}^\infty(M_{0,h}).$$

In terms of the local coordinates valid near the corner  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{A}$  over an interior coordinate chart  $U$ ,

$$\rho_S = |z - z'|, \quad \frac{z - z'}{|z - z'|}, \quad \rho_A = \frac{h}{|z - z'|}, \quad z',$$

$v_k$  is a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  function of  $|z - z'|$ ,  $\frac{z - z'}{|z - z'|}$ ,  $z'$ . It is convenient to rewrite this as

$$(5.10) \quad v = \sum_{k \leq N} h^k |z - z'|^{-k} v'_k + v' = \sum_{k \leq N} h^k v_k + v', \quad v_k \in \rho_A^{-k} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\bar{T}U), \quad v' \in \rho_S^{N+1} \mathcal{C}^\infty(M_{0,h}),$$

for the reason that the vector fields  $D_{z_j}$  are tangent to the fibers given by constant  $h$ , i.e. commute with multiplication by  $h$ . One can rewrite  $v$  completely analogously,

$$v = \sum_{k \leq N} h^k v_k + v', \quad v_k \in \rho_A^{-k} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\bar{T}U), \quad v' \in \rho_S^{N+1} \mathcal{C}^\infty(M_{0,h}),$$

for coordinate charts  $U$  at  $\partial \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ .

In addition, if  $a \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1))$ , then expanding  $a$  in Taylor series around  $\text{Diag}_0 \times \{0\}$ , shows that for any  $N$ , modulo  $\rho_S^{N+1} \mathcal{C}^\infty(U \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, \delta_0))$ , it is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|\alpha|+k \leq N} a_{\alpha,k}(z')(z - z')^\alpha h^k &= \sum_{|\alpha|+k \leq N} a_{\alpha,k}(z') Z_h^\alpha h^{k+|\alpha|} \\ &= \sum_{|\alpha|+k \leq N} a_{\alpha,k}(z') \hat{Z}_h^\alpha \rho_S^{k+|\alpha|} \rho_A^k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{Z}_h^\alpha = Z_h^\alpha / |Z_h|^{|\alpha|}$  (except near the zero section) is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  on  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . While the last expression is the most geometric way of encoding the asymptotics at  $\partial \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , it is helpful to take advantage of the stronger statement on the previous line, which shows that the coefficients are polynomials in the fibers, of degree  $\leq N$ .

The vector fields  $hD_z$ , resp.  $hD_X$  and  $hD_Y$ , acting on a modified Taylor series as in (5.10), become  $D_{Z_h}$ , resp.  $D_{X_h}$  and  $D_{Y_h}$ , i.e. act on the coefficients  $v_k$  only (and on  $v'$ , of course) so we obtain that, modulo coefficients in  $\rho_S^{N+1} \mathcal{C}^\infty(U \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, \delta_0))$ ,  $P(h, \sigma)$  lifts to a differential operator with polynomial coefficients on the fibers, depending smoothly on the base variables, i.e. an operator of the form

$$\sum_{|\alpha|+k \leq N, |\beta| \leq 2} a_{\alpha,k,\beta}(z') Z_h^\alpha h^{k+|\alpha|} D_{Z_h}^\beta,$$

with an analogous expression in the  $(X_h, Y_h)$  variables. Here the leading term in  $h$ , corresponding to  $h^0$ , is  $N_S(Q_h) = \Delta_{g_\epsilon(x', \omega')} - \sigma^2$ , i.e. we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P(h, \sigma) h^m v_m \\ &= h^m (\Delta_{g_\epsilon(x', \omega')} - \sigma^2) v_m + h^m \sum_{0 < |\alpha|+k \leq N, |\beta| \leq 2} a_{\alpha,k,\beta}(z') Z_h^\alpha h^{k+|\alpha|} D_{Z_h}^\beta v_m. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, one can iteratively solve away  $E_0$  as follows. Write

$$E_0 = h^{-n-1} \sum h^m E_{0,m}$$

as in (5.10), and note that each  $E_{0,m}$  is compactly supported. Let

$$G_{1,0,m} = R_0 E_{0,m},$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} &P(h, \sigma) h^{m-n-1} G_{1,0,m} \\ &= h^m E_{0,m} + h^{m-n-1} \sum_{0 < |\alpha|+k \leq N, |\beta| \leq 2} a_{\alpha,k,\beta}(z') Z_h^\alpha h^{k+|\alpha|-n-1} D_{Z_h}^\beta R_0 E_{0,m}, \end{aligned}$$

and thus we have replaced the error  $h^m E_{0,m}$  by an error of the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{0 < |\alpha| + k \leq N, |\beta| \leq 2} a_{\alpha,k,\beta}(z') Z_h^\alpha h^{m+k+|\alpha|-(n+1)} D_{Z_h}^\beta R_0 E_{0,m} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq \ell \leq N} h^{m+\ell-(n+1)} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq \ell} \sum_{|\beta| \leq 2} a_{\alpha,\ell-|\alpha|,\beta}(z') Z_h^\alpha D_{Z_h}^\beta R_0 E_{0,m} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq \ell \leq N} h^{m+\ell-(n+1)} L_\ell R_0 E_{0,m} \end{aligned}$$

which has the feature that not only does it vanish to (at least) one order higher in  $h$ , but the  $h^{m+\ell-(n+1)}$  term is given by a differential operator  $L_\ell$  with polynomial coefficients of degree  $\leq \ell$  applied to  $R_0 E_{0,m}$ , with  $E_{0,m}$  compactly supported. As the next lemma states, one can apply  $R_0$  to an expression of the form  $L_\ell R_0 E_{0,m}$ , and thus iterate the construction.

**Lemma 5.2.** *Suppose  $M_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , are differential operators with polynomial coefficients of degree  $m_j$  on  $\mathbb{R}_w^{n+1}$ . Then*

$$R_0 M_1 R_0 M_2 \dots R_0 M_N R_0 : \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$$

*has an analytic extension from  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$  to  $\text{Re } \sigma > 1$ ,  $\text{Im } \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ , and*

$$R_0 M_1 R_0 M_2 \dots R_0 M_N R_0 : \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}) \rightarrow e^{-i\sigma \langle w \rangle} \langle w \rangle^{-n/2+N+m} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}),$$

*with  $m = \sum m_j$ .*

*Proof.* For  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ ,  $D_{w_k}$  commutes with  $\Delta - \sigma^2$ , hence with  $R_0$ , while commuting  $D_{w_k}$  through a polynomial gives rise to a polynomial of lower order, so we can move all derivatives to the right, and also assume that  $M_j = w^{\alpha^{(j)}}$ ,  $\alpha^{(j)} \in \mathbb{N}^{n+1}$ ,  $|\alpha^{(j)}| \leq m_j$ , so we are reduced to examining the operator

$$R_0 w^{\alpha^{(1)}} R_0 w^{\alpha^{(2)}} \dots R_0 w^{\alpha^{(N)}} R_0.$$

It is convenient to work in the Fourier transform representation. Denoting the dual variable of  $w$  by  $\zeta$ ; for  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ ,  $R_0$  is multiplication by  $(|\zeta|^2 - \sigma^2)^{-1}$ , while  $w^{\alpha^{(j)}}$  is the operator  $(-D_\zeta)^{\alpha^{(j)}}$ . Rewriting  $\mathcal{F}(R_0 w^{\alpha^{(1)}} R_0 w^{\alpha^{(2)}} \dots R_0 w^{\alpha^{(N)}} R_0 f)$ , the product rule thus gives an expression of the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{|\beta| \leq \alpha^{(1)} + \dots + \alpha^{(N)}} (|\zeta|^2 - \sigma^2)^{-(N+1+|\alpha^{(1)}| + \dots + |\alpha^{(N)}|)} Q_{\alpha,N,\beta}(\zeta) (-D_\zeta)^\beta \mathcal{F}f \\ &= \sum_{|\beta| \leq \alpha^{(1)} + \dots + \alpha^{(N)}} (|\zeta|^2 - \sigma^2)^{-(N+1+|\alpha^{(1)}| + \dots + |\alpha^{(N)}|)} \mathcal{F} Q_{\alpha,N,\beta}(D_w) w^\beta f, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q_{\alpha,N,\beta}$  is a polynomial in  $\zeta$ . Since we are considering compactly supported  $f$ , the differential operator  $Q_{\alpha,N,\beta}(D_w) w^\beta$  is harmless, and we only need to consider  $R_0^{N+1+m}$  applied to compactly supported functions. This can be further rewritten as a constant multiple of  $\partial_\sigma^{N+m} R_0$ , so the well-known results for the analytic continuation of the Euclidean resolvent yield the stated analytic continuation and the form of the result; see Proposition 1.1 of [17].  $\square$

Applying the lemma iteratively, we construct

$$\tilde{G}_{1,m} = e^{-i\sigma \langle Z_h \rangle} \langle Z_h \rangle^{-n/2+N+m} G'_{1,m}, \quad G'_{1,m} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}),$$



such that

$$P(h, \sigma) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} h^{m-(n+1)} \tilde{G}_{1,m} \sim \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} h^{m-(n+1)} E_{0,m},$$

where the series are understood as formal series (i.e. this is a statement of the equality of coefficients). Borel summing  $\langle z \rangle^m h^m G'_{1,m} = \rho_S^m G'_{1,m}$ , and obtaining  $G_1 \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, \delta_0))$  as the result, which we may arrange to be supported where  $\rho_S$  is small, we deduce that (5.9) holds.

The next step is to remove the error at the semiclassical face  $\mathcal{A}$ . We want to construct

$$G_2 = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} U_2, \quad U_2 \in \rho_S^\infty \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}-1, \frac{n}{2}},$$

such that

$$(5.11) \quad \begin{aligned} P(h, \sigma) G_2 - e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} F_1 &= E_2, \quad E_2 = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} F_2, \\ F_2 &\in h^\infty \rho_L^{n/2} \rho_R^{n/2} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1)) = \rho_S^\infty \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \frac{n}{2}, \infty, \frac{n}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

In other words, we want the error to vanish to infinite order at the semiclassical face  $\mathcal{A}$  and at the semiclassical front face  $\mathcal{S}$ , and to vanish to order  $\frac{n}{2}$  at the left and right faces; the infinite order vanishing at  $\mathcal{S}$  means that  $\mathcal{S}$  can be blown-down (i.e. does not need to be blown up), which, together with  $h$  being the joint defining function of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ , explains the equality of the indicated two spaces. This construction is almost identical to the one carried out in section 4. We begin by observing that the semiclassical face  $\mathcal{A}$  consists of the stretched product  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  with  $\text{Diag}_0$  blown-up, which is exactly the manifold  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  defined in section 4. Moreover, as  $F_1$  vanishes to infinite order at  $\mathcal{S}$ , see (5.9), the latter can be blown down, i.e.  $F_1$  can be regarded as being of the form

$$(5.12) \quad \begin{aligned} F_1 &\in h^{-n/2-1} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1)), \quad \text{with } K_{F_1} \text{ supported away from } \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}, \\ &\text{and vanishing to infinite order at } \text{Diag}_0 \times [0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $F_1$  has an asymptotic expansion at the boundary face  $h = 0$  of the form

$$F_1 \sim h^{-\frac{n}{2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h^j F_{1,j}, \quad F_{1,j} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}),$$

$F_{1,j}$  vanishing to infinite order at  $\text{Diag}_0 \times [0, 1)$ , supported near  $\text{Diag}_0 \times [0, 1)$ .

So we think of  $F_1$  as an element of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times [0, 1)$ , where the blow-up  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , was defined in section 4, see figure 4, with an expansion

$$F_1 \sim h^{-\frac{n}{2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h^j F_{1,j},$$

$F_{1,j} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ , vanishing to infinite order at  $D$ .

So we seek  $U_2 \sim h^{\frac{n}{2}} \sum_j h^j U_{2,j}$  with  $U_{2,j}$  vanishing to infinite order at  $D$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} P(h, \sigma) e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} U_2 - e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} F_1 &= e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} R, \\ R &\in h^\infty \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}), \text{ vanishing to infinite order at } D. \end{aligned}$$

Matching the coefficients of the expansions we get the following set of transport equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2i\sigma|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_{2,0}) &= -F_{1,0}, \text{ if } r > 0, \\ U_{2,0} &= 0 \text{ at } r = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and for  $j \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2i\sigma|g|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\partial_r(|g|^{\frac{1}{4}}U_{2,j}) &= (\Delta + x^2W - \frac{n^2}{4})U_{2,j-1} - F_{1,j}, \text{ if } r > 0, \\ U_{2,j} &= 0 \text{ at } r = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $F_{j,0}$  is compactly supported and, as seen in equations (4.17),  $U_{2,0} \in \rho_L^{\frac{n}{2}}\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}}\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ . Moreover, as in (4.18), one gets that  $(\Delta + x^2W - \frac{n^2}{4})U_{2,0} \in R^2\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}}\rho_L^{\frac{n}{2}+2}\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ , thus one can solve the transport equation for  $U_{2,1}$ , and gets that  $U_{2,1} \in \rho_L^{\frac{n}{2}}\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}}\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ .

One obtains by using induction that  $U_{2,j} \in \rho_L^{\frac{n}{2}}\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}}\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ , and  $(\Delta + x^2W - \frac{n^2}{4})U_{2,j} \in R^2\rho_L^{\frac{n}{2}+2}\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}}\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_1 \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ , for all  $j$ . Then one sums the series asymptotically using Borel's lemma. This gives  $U_2$  and proves (5.11).

The last step in the parametrix construction is to remove the error at the zero front face. So far we have

$$P(h, \sigma)(G_0 - G_1 + G_2) - \text{Id} = E_2,$$

with

$$E_2 = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r}F_2, \quad F_2 \in \rho_S^\infty\Psi_{0,\hbar}^{-\infty, \frac{n}{2}+2, \infty, \frac{n}{2}}.$$

Now we want to construct  $G_3$  such that

$$(5.13) \quad P(h, \sigma)G_3 - E_2 = E_3 \in e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r}\rho_S^\infty\rho_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty\Psi_{0,\hbar}^{-\infty, 2+\frac{n}{2}, \infty, \frac{n}{2}}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

We recall from Proposition 2.7, that  $r = -\log(\rho_R\rho_L) + F$ ,  $F > 0$ . So,

$$\exp(-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r) = (\rho_R\rho_L)^{i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} \exp(-i\frac{\sigma}{h}F).$$

Therefore the error term  $E_2$  in (5.11) satisfies

$$\widetilde{E}_2 = \beta_h^* E_2 \in \rho_S^\infty\rho_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}+i\frac{\sigma}{h}}\rho_L^{2+\frac{n}{2}+i\frac{\sigma}{h}}\mathcal{C}^\infty(M_{0,\hbar}).$$

We write

$$\widetilde{E}_2 \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \rho_{\mathcal{F}}^j E_{2,j}, \quad E_{2,j} \in \rho_S^\infty\rho_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}+i\frac{\sigma}{h}}\rho_L^{2+\frac{n}{2}+i\frac{\sigma}{h}}\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{F}),$$

and we want to construct  $G_3$  such that

$$\beta_h^*(G_3) \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \rho_{\mathcal{F}}^j G_{3,j},$$

and that

$$N_{\mathcal{F}}(Q_h)G_{3,j} = E_{2,j}, \quad G_{3,j} \in \rho_S^\infty\rho_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty\rho_R^{\frac{n}{2}+i\frac{\sigma}{h}}\rho_L^{\frac{n}{2}+i\frac{\sigma}{h}}\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{F}).$$

The asymptotic behavior in  $\rho_R$  and  $\rho_L$  follows from an application of Proposition 6.15 of [16], and the fact that  $N_{\mathcal{F}}(Q_h)$  can be identified with the Laplacian on the hyperbolic space. Now we just have to make sure, this does not destroy the asymptotics at the faces  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ . But one can follow exactly the same construction

we have used above, now restricted to the zero front face instead of  $M_{0,h}$  to construct  $G_{3,j}$  vanishing to infinite order at the faces  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ .

This gives a parametrix,  $\tilde{G} = G_0 - G_1 + G_2 - G_3 \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}, -\frac{n}{2} - 1, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}}$  that satisfies

$$(5.14) \quad P(h, \sigma)\tilde{G} - \text{Id} = R = E_3 + E'_3 \in \rho_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty \rho_{\mathcal{S}}^\infty \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, 2 + \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}, \infty, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

Since

$$E'_3 \in h^\infty \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty},$$

$$E_3 = e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} F_3, \quad F_3 \in \rho_{\mathcal{S}}^\infty \rho_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, 2 + \frac{n}{2}, \infty, \frac{n}{2}},$$

and  $E_3$  is supported away from  $\text{Diag}_h$ . The last step in the construction is to remove the error term at the left face and it will be done using the indicial operator as in section 7 of [16]. Since in the region near the left face is away from the semiclassical face, this is in fact the same construction as in [16], but with the parameter  $h$ . Using equation (5.3) and the projective coordinates (5.5), we find that the operator  $P(h, \sigma)$  lifts to

$$P_0(h, \sigma) = h^2(-(X\partial_X)^2 + nX\partial_X + \rho AX^2\partial_X + X^2\Delta_{H_\epsilon} + \rho^2 X^2 W - \frac{n^2}{4}) - \sigma^2.$$

In these coordinates the left face is given by  $\{X = 0\}$ . Therefore, the kernel of the composition  $K(P(h, \sigma)\tilde{G})$  when lifted to  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times_0 \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  is, near the left face, equal to

$$K(P(h, \sigma)\tilde{G}) = \left( h^2(-(X\partial_X)^2 + nX\partial_X - \frac{n^2}{4}) - \sigma^2 \right) K(\tilde{G}) + O(X^2).$$

The operator  $I(P(h, \sigma)) = h^2(-(X\partial_X)^2 + nX\partial_X - \frac{n^2}{4}) - \sigma^2$  is called the indicial operator of  $P(h, \sigma)$ . Since  $\tilde{G} \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}, -\frac{n}{2} - 1, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$ , then near the left face  $K(\tilde{G}) \in \mathcal{K}^{\frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}, -\frac{n}{2} - 1, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}}(M_{0,h})$ . But  $I(P(h, \sigma))X^{\frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}} = 0$ . So we deduce that near  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $K(P(h, \sigma)\tilde{G}) \in \mathcal{K}^{\frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h} + 1, -\frac{n}{2} - 1, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}}(M_{0,h})$ . That is, we gain one order of vanishing at the left face. Since we already know from (5.14) that the kernel of the error vanishes to infinite order  $\mathcal{A}$  and at the front face  $\mathcal{F}$ , and  $x = R\rho_R$ ,  $x' = R\rho_L$ , the kernel of the error  $R$ , on the manifold  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  satisfies

$$K(R) \in h^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h} + 1} x'^{\frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

Then one can use a power series argument to find  $G_4$  with Schwartz kernel in  $h^\infty x^{\frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h} + 1} x'^{\frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}} \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{B}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  such that

$$P(h, \sigma)G_4 - R \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \infty, \infty, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}}(\mathbb{B}^{n+1}).$$

So  $G = G_0 - G_1 + G_2 - G_3 - G_4 \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}, -\frac{n}{2} - 1, \frac{n}{2} + i\frac{\sigma}{h}}$  is the desired parametrix.

## 6. $L^2$ -BOUNDS FOR THE SEMICLASSICAL RESOLVENT

We now prove bounds for the semiclassical resolvent,  $R(h, \sigma) = P(h, \sigma)^{-1}$ :

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $M > 0$ ,  $h > 0$  and  $\sigma \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < M$ . Let  $a, b \geq \max\{0, \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}\}$ . Then there exists  $h_0 > 0$  and  $C > 0$  independent of  $h$  such that for  $h \in (0, h_0)$ ,*

$$(6.1) \quad \|x^a R(h, \sigma) x^b f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} \leq Ch^{-1 - \frac{a}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}.$$

As usual, we prove Theorem 6.1 by obtaining bounds for the parametrix  $G$  and its error  $E$  on weighted  $L^2$  spaces. As a preliminary remark, we recall that elements of  $\Psi_h^0$  on compact manifolds without boundary are  $L^2$ -bounded with an  $h$ -independent bound; the same holds for elements of  $\Psi_{0,h}^0$ . Thus, the diagonal singularity can always be ignored (though in our setting, due to negative orders of the operators we are interested in, Schur's lemma gives this directly in any case).

The following lemma follows from the argument of Mazzeo [15, Proof of Theorem 3.25], since for the  $L^2$  bounds, the proof in that paper only utilizes estimates on the Schwartz kernel, rather than its derivatives. Alternatively, it can be proved using Schur's lemma if one writes the Schwartz kernel relative to a b-density.

**Lemma 6.2.** *Suppose that the Schwartz kernel of  $B$  (trivialized by  $|dg_\delta(z')|$ ) satisfies*

$$|B(z, z')| \leq C \rho_L^\alpha \rho_R^\beta,$$

*then we have four situations:*

$$\text{If } \alpha, \beta > n/2, \text{ then } \|B\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2)} \leq C' C.$$

$$\text{If } \alpha = n/2, \beta > n/2, \text{ then } \| |\log x|^{-N} B \|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2)} \leq C' C, \text{ for } N > \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{If } \alpha > n/2, \beta = n/2, \text{ then } \| |B| \log x|^{-N} \|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2)} \leq C' C, \text{ for } N > \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{If } \alpha = \beta = n/2, \text{ then } \| |\log x|^{-N} B |\log x|^{-N} \|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2)} \leq C' C, \quad N > \frac{1}{2}.$$

Now let  $B(h, \sigma)$  have Schwartz kernel  $B(z, z', \sigma, h)$  supported in  $r > 1$ , and suppose that

$$B(z, z', \sigma, h) = e^{-i\sigma r/h} h^k \rho_L^{n/2+\gamma} \rho_R^{n/2} x^a (x')^b H, \quad H \in L^\infty, \text{ and } \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < N.$$

Since from Proposition 2.7,  $r = -\log \rho_R \rho_L + F$ ,  $F \geq 0$ ,  $e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}r} = \rho_R^{i\frac{\sigma}{h}} \rho_L^{i\frac{\sigma}{h}} e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}F}$ , and  $\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < N$ ,  $|e^{-i\frac{\sigma}{h}F}| < C = C(N)$ , it follows that

$$|B(z, z', \sigma, h)| \leq C h^k \rho_L^{n/2+\gamma-\text{Im } \sigma/h+a} \rho_R^{n/2-\text{Im } \sigma/h+b} R^{a+b}$$

As an immediate consequence of Lemma 6.2, if  $a+b \geq 0$ ,  $\delta_0 > 0$  and  $\gamma - \text{Im } \sigma/h + a > \delta_0$  and  $-\text{Im } \sigma/h + b > \delta_0$ , then

$$\|B\|_{L^2} \leq C' C h^k.$$

If either  $\gamma - \text{Im } \sigma/h + a = 0$  or  $-\text{Im } \sigma/h + b = 0$ , we have to add the weight  $|\log x|^{-N}$ , with  $N > \frac{1}{2}$ . On the other hand, suppose now that the Schwartz kernel of  $B$  is supported in  $r < 2$ , and (again, trivialized by  $|dg_\delta(z')|$ )

$$|B(z, z', \sigma, h)| \leq C h^k \langle r/h \rangle^{-\ell} \langle h/r \rangle^s, \quad s < n+1.$$

Note that for fixed  $z', \sigma, h$ ,  $B$  is  $L^1$  in  $z$ , and similarly with  $z'$  and  $z$  interchanged. In fact, since the volume form is bounded by  $\tilde{C} r^n dr(z') d\omega'$  in  $r < 2$ , uniformly in  $z$ , Schur's lemma yields

$$\|B\|_{L^2} \leq C C'' h^k \int_0^2 \langle h/r \rangle^s \langle r/h \rangle^{-\ell} r^n dr.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^2 \langle h/r \rangle^s \langle r/h \rangle^{-\ell} r^n dr \\ & \leq C_0 \left( \int_0^h (h/r)^s r^n dr + \int_h^2 (r/h)^{-\ell} r^n dr \right) = C_1(h^{n+1} + h^{-\ell}), \end{aligned}$$

so we deduce that

$$\|B\|_{L^2} \leq CC'(h^{n+1+k} + h^{k-\ell}).$$

First, if, with  $n+1=3$ ,  $G$  is the parametrix, with error  $E$ , constructed in Section 4, then, writing  $G = G_1 + G_2$ , and provided  $\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < 1$  and  $|\sigma| > 1$  (recall that  $U_1$  has a factor  $\sigma^{-1}$ ), with  $G_1$  supported in  $r < 2$ ,  $G_2$  supported in  $r > 1$ , then  $|G_1| \leq Ch^{-2}r^{-1}$ ,  $|G_2| \leq Ce^{\text{Im } \sigma r/h} \rho_L^{n/2} \rho_R^{n/2}$ , and thus, using Proposition 2.7,

$$\begin{aligned} |x^a(x')^b G_1(z, z', \sigma, h)| & \leq Ch^{-n-1} \langle h/r \rangle^{n-1} \langle r/h \rangle^{-n/2}, \\ |x^a(x')^b G_2(z, z', \sigma, h)| & \leq Ch^{-n-1} x^a(x')^b \rho_L^{n/2-\text{Im } \sigma/h} \rho_R^{n/2-\text{Im } \sigma/h}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$(6.2) \quad |x^a(x')^b E(z, z', \sigma, h)| \leq Ch x^a(x')^b \rho_L^{n/2+2-\text{Im } \sigma/h} \rho_R^{n/2-\text{Im } \sigma/h}.$$

Thus, we deduce the following bounds:

**Proposition 6.3.** *Suppose  $n+1=3$ . Let  $G(h, \sigma)$  be the operator whose kernel is given by (4.2), and let  $E(h, \sigma) = P(h, \sigma)G(h, \sigma) - \text{Id}$ . Then for  $|\sigma| > 1$ ,  $\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < 1$ ,  $a > \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ ,  $a \geq 0$ , and  $\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < b < 2 - \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ ,  $b \geq 0$ , we have, with  $C$  independent of  $h$ ,*

$$(6.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x^a G(h, \sigma) x^b f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} & \leq Ch^{-1-\frac{n}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} \text{ and} \\ \|x^{-b} E(h, \sigma) x^b f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} & \leq Ch \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}. \end{aligned}$$

If either  $a = \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$  or  $b = \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ , or  $a = b = \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ , one has to replace the factor  $x^{\pm \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}}$  in (6.3) with  $\left(x^{\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}} |\log x|^{-N}\right)^{\pm 1}$ ,  $N > \frac{1}{2}$ , to obtain the  $L^2$  bounds.

In view of (6.2) this cannot be improved using the methods of section 4. To obtain bounds on any strip we need the sharper bounds on the error term given by Theorem 5.1. We now turn to arbitrary  $n$  and use the parametrix  $G$  and error  $E$ , constructed in Theorem 5.1. Writing  $G = G_0 + G_1 + G_2$ , with  $G_0 \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2}$ ,  $G_1$  supported in  $r < 2$ ,  $G_2$  supported in  $r > 1$ ,  $G_1 \in e^{-i\sigma r/h} \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \infty, \frac{n}{2}-1, \infty}$ ,  $G_2 \in e^{-i\sigma r/h} \Psi_{0,h}^{-\infty, \frac{n}{2}+2, -\frac{n}{2}-1, \frac{n}{2}}$ , then for  $|\sigma| > 1$  and  $\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x^a G_0(z, z', \sigma, h)(x')^b & \in \Psi_{0,h}^{-2}, \\ |x^a(x')^b G_1(z, z', \sigma, h)| & \leq Ch^{-n-1} \langle r/h \rangle^{-n/2}, \\ |x^a(x')^b G_2(z, z', \sigma, h)| & \leq Ch^{-n-1} x^a(x')^b \rho_L^{n/2-\text{Im } \sigma/h} \rho_R^{n/2+\text{Im } \sigma/h}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, writing  $E = E_1 + E_2$ , with  $E_1$  supported in  $r < 2$ ,  $E_2$  supported in  $r > 1$ ,  $E_1 \in h^\infty \rho_{\mathcal{F}}^{-\infty, \infty, \frac{n}{2}-1, \infty}$ ,  $E_2 \in h^\infty \rho_{\mathcal{F}}^{-\infty, \infty, -\frac{n}{2}-1, \frac{n}{2}}$ , then for any  $k$  and  $M$  (with  $C = C(M, N)$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} |x^{-b}(x')^b E_1(z, z', \sigma, h)| & \leq Ch^k, \\ |x^{-b}(x')^b E_2(z, z', \sigma, h)| & \leq Ch^k x^M(x')^b \rho_R^{n/2-\text{Im } \sigma/h}. \end{aligned}$$

In this case, we deduce the following bounds:

**Proposition 6.4.** *Let  $G(h, \sigma)$  be the operator whose kernel is given by (5.1), and let  $E(h, \sigma) = P(h, \sigma)G(h, \sigma) - \text{Id}$ . Then for  $|\sigma| > 1$ ,  $\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h} < M$ ,  $M > 0$ ,  $a > \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ ,  $a \geq 0$ , and  $b > \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ ,  $b \geq 0$ , and  $N$  arbitrary, we have, with  $C$  independent of  $h$ ,*

$$(6.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x^a G(h, \sigma) x^b f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C h^{-1-\frac{a}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} \text{ and} \\ \|x^{-b} E(h, \sigma) x^b f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} &\leq C h^N \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}. \end{aligned}$$

If either  $a = \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$  or  $b = \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ , or  $a = b = \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}$ , one has to replace the factor  $x^{\pm \frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}}$  in (6.4) with  $\left(x^{\frac{\text{Im } \sigma}{h}} |\log x|^{-k}\right)^{\pm 1}$ ,  $k > \frac{1}{2}$ , to obtain the  $L^2$  bounds.

Now we can apply these estimates to prove Theorem 6.1. We know that

$$P(h, \sigma)G(h, \sigma) = I + E(h, \sigma).$$

Since  $R(h, \sigma)$  is bounded on  $L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})$  for  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$  we can write for  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ ,

$$G(h, \sigma) = R(h, \sigma)(I + E(h, \sigma)).$$

Therefore we have, still for  $\text{Im } \sigma < 0$ ,

$$x^a G(h, \sigma) x^b = x^a R(h, \sigma) x^b (I + x^{-b} E(h, \sigma) x^{-b}).$$

For  $a, b$  and  $\sigma$  as in Proposition 6.4 we can pick  $h_0$  so that

$$\|x^{-b} E(h, \sigma) x^b f\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

In this case we have

$$x^a G(h, \sigma) x^b (I + x^{-b} E(h, \sigma) x^{-b})^{-1} = x^a R(h, \sigma) x^b$$

and the result is proved.

## 7. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 1.1. To avoid using the same notation for different parameters, we will denote the spectral parameter in the statement of Theorem 1.1 by  $\lambda$ , instead of  $\sigma$ . We write, for  $|\text{Re } \lambda| > 1$ ,

$$(\Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 W - \lambda^2 - \frac{n^2}{4}) = (\text{Re } \lambda)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{(\text{Re } \lambda)^2} \left( \Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 W - \frac{n^2}{4} \right) - \frac{\lambda^2}{(\text{Re } \lambda)^2} \right].$$

Thus, if we denote  $h = \frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}$  and  $\sigma = \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda}$ , and  $E(h, \sigma)$  and  $G(h, \sigma)$  are the operators in Proposition 6.4, we have

$$(\Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 W - \lambda^2 - \frac{n^2}{4}) G\left(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda}\right) = (\text{Re } \lambda)^2 \left( \text{Id} + E\left(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda}\right) \right).$$

Since  $R_\delta(\lambda) = \left(\Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 W - \lambda^2 - \frac{n^2}{4}\right)^{-1}$  is a well defined bounded operator if  $\text{Im } \lambda < 0$ , we can write,

$$G\left(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda}\right) = (\text{Re } \lambda)^2 R_\delta(\lambda) \left( \text{Id} + E\left(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda}\right) \right), \text{ for } \text{Im } \lambda < 0.$$

Therefore,

$$x^a G\left(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda}\right) x^b = (\text{Re } \lambda)^2 x^a R_\delta(\lambda) x^b \left( \text{Id} + x^{-b} E\left(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda}\right) x^b \right).$$

According to Proposition 6.4, if  $\text{Im } \lambda < M$ , we can pick  $K$  such that if  $|\text{Re } \lambda| > K$ , and  $\text{Im } \lambda < b$  then,

$$\|x^{-b}E(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda})x^b\| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Therefore  $(\text{Id} + x^{-b}E(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda})x^b)^{-1}$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Im } \lambda < M$ , and bounded as an operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{B}^3, g)$ , with norm independent of  $\text{Re } \lambda$ , provided  $b > \text{Im } \lambda$ . On the other hand, if  $a > \text{Im } \lambda$ , then from Proposition 6.4,

$$\|x^a G(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda})x^b f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})} \leq C(\text{Re } \lambda)^{1+\frac{n}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^{n+1})}.$$

Since,

$$x^a R_\delta(\lambda)x^b = (\text{Re } \lambda)^{-2} x^a G(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda})x^b \left( I + x^{-b}E(\frac{1}{\text{Re } \lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{\text{Re } \lambda})x^b \right)^{-1},$$

then, for and for  $a, b$  in this range, and  $|\text{Re } \lambda| > K$ ,  $x^a R_\delta(\lambda)x^b$  is holomorphic and

$$\|x^a R_\delta(\lambda)x^b f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3, g)} \leq C(\text{Re } \lambda)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3, g)}.$$

When either  $a = \text{Im } \lambda$  or  $b = \text{Im } \lambda$  we have to introduce the logarithmic weight and in Proposition 6.4. This concludes the proof of the  $L^2$  estimates of Theorem 1.1.

The Sobolev estimates follow from these  $L^2$  estimates and interpolation. First we observe that the following commutator properties hold: There are  $C^\infty(\mathbb{B}^3)$  functions  $A_i$  and  $B_j$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $1 \leq j \leq 5$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta_{g_\delta}, x^a] &= A_1 x^a + A_2 x^a x D_x, \\ [\Delta_{g_\delta}, x^a (\log x)^{-N}] &= B_1 x^a (\log x)^{-N} + B_2 x^a (\log x)^{-N-1} + \\ &B_3 x^a (\log x)^{-N-2} + (B_4 x^a (\log x)^{-N} + B_5 x^a (\log x)^{-N-1}) x D_x. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\Delta_{g_\delta} x^a R_\delta(\sigma)x^b v = x^a \Delta_{g_\delta} R_\delta(\sigma)x^b v + A_1 x^a R_\delta(\sigma)x^b v + A_2 x^a x D_x R_\delta(\sigma)x^b v.$$

Since  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $\Delta_{g_\delta}$  is elliptic, and  $\Delta_{g_\delta} R_\delta(\sigma) = \text{Id} + (\sigma^2 + 1 - x^2 W(x)) R_\delta$  it follows that, see for example [15], that there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (7.1) \quad & \|x^a R_\delta(\sigma)x^b v\|_{H_0^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} \\ & \leq C \left( \sigma^2 \|x^b v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} + \|x^a R_\delta(\sigma)x^b v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} + \|x^a R_\delta(\sigma)x^b v\|_{H_0^1(\mathbb{B}^3)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By interpolation between Sobolev spaces we know that there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$(7.2) \quad \|x^a v\|_{H_0^1(\mathbb{B}^3)}^2 \leq C \|x^a v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} \|x^a v\|_{H_0^2(\mathbb{B}^3)}$$

Therefore, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$(7.3) \quad \|x^a v\|_{H_0^1(\mathbb{B}^3)} \leq C \left( \epsilon \|x^a v\|_{H_0^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} + \epsilon^{-1} \|x^a v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} \right),$$

and if one takes  $\epsilon$  small enough, (7.1) and (7.3) give (1.3) with  $k = 2$ . If one uses (7.2) and (1.3) with  $k = 2$  one obtains (1.3) with  $k = 1$ . The proof of (1.5) follows by the same argument.

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

8. STRUCTURE OF  $\Delta_X$  NEAR THE BOUNDARIES

We begin the proof of Theorem 4 by analyzing the structure of the operator  $\Delta_X$  near  $r = r_{bH}$  and  $r = r_{sI}$ . We recall that  $\beta(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dr} \alpha^2(r)$  and that  $\beta_{bH} = \beta(r_{bH})$  and  $\beta_{sI} = \beta(r_{sI})$ .

We show that near these ends, after rescaling  $\alpha$ , the operator  $\alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}}$  is a small perturbation of the Laplacian of the hyperbolic metric of constant negative sectional curvature  $-\beta_{bH}^2$  near  $r_{bH}$  and  $-\beta_{sI}^2$  near  $r_{sI}$ .

Since  $\alpha'(r) \neq 0$  near  $r = r_{bH}$  and  $r = r_{sI}$ ,  $\Delta_X$  can be written in terms of  $\alpha$  as a ‘radial’ coordinate

$$\Delta_X = \beta r^{-n} \alpha D_\alpha (\beta r^n \alpha D_\alpha) + \alpha^2 r^{-2} \Delta_\omega.$$

We define a  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  function  $x$  on  $[r_{bH}, r_{sI}]$  which is positive in the interior of the interval and rescales  $\alpha$  near the ends by

$$(8.1) \quad \alpha = 2r_{bH} \beta_{bH} x \text{ near } r = r_{bH} \text{ and } \alpha = 2r_{sI} |\beta_{sI}| x \text{ near } r = r_{sI}.$$

Using  $x$  instead of  $\alpha$  near the ends  $r_{bH}$  and  $r_{sI}$ , we obtain

$$(8.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta_X &= \beta r^{-n} x D_x (\beta r^n x D_x) + 4x^2 \beta_{bH}^2 r_{bH}^2 r^{-2} \Delta_\omega, \text{ near } r = r_{bH}, \\ \Delta_X &= \beta r^{-n} x D_x (\beta r^n x D_x) + 4x^2 \beta_{sI}^2 r_{sI}^2 r^{-2} \Delta_\omega, \text{ near } r = r_{sI}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 8.1.** *There exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, if we identify each of the neighborhoods of  $\{x = 0\}$  given by  $r \in [r_{bH}, r_{bH} + \delta]$  and  $r \in (r_{sI} - \delta, r_{sI}]$ , with a neighborhood of the boundary of the ball  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , then there exist two  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  functions,  $W_{bH}(x)$  defined near  $r = r_{bH}$ , and  $W_{sI}(x)$  defined near  $r = r_{sI}$ , such that*

$$(8.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} &= x^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X x^{-\frac{n}{2}} = \Delta_{g_{bH}} + x^2 W_{bH} - \beta_{bH}^2 \frac{n^2}{4}, \text{ near } r = r_{bH} \text{ and} \\ \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} &= x^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X x^{-\frac{n}{2}} = \Delta_{g_{sI}} + x^2 W_{sI} - \beta_{sI}^2 \frac{n^2}{4}, \text{ near } r = r_{sI}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_{bH}$  and  $g_{sI}$  are small perturbations of the hyperbolic metrics with sectional curvature  $-\beta_{bH}^2$  and  $-\beta_{sI}^2$  respectively on the interior of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , i.e.

$$(8.4) \quad g_{bH} = \frac{4dz^2}{\beta_{bH}^2(1-|z|^2)^2} + H_{bH}, \text{ and } g_{sI} = \frac{4dz^2}{\beta_{sI}^2(1-|z|^2)^2} + H_{sI},$$

where  $H_{bH}$  and  $H_{sI}$  are symmetric 2-tensors  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  up to the boundary of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ .

*Proof.* It is only necessary to prove the result near one of the ends. The computation near the other end is identical and one only needs to replace the index  $bH$  by  $sI$ . From (8.2) we find that near  $r = r_{bH}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X x^{-\frac{n}{2}} &= \beta^2 (xD_x)^2 + in\beta^2 x D_x + \beta r^{-n} (xD_x(\beta r^n)) x D_x + (2\beta_{bH} r_{bH})^2 r^{-2} x^2 \Delta_\omega \\ &\quad - i \frac{n}{2} \beta r^{-n} x D_x (\beta r^n) - \beta^2 \frac{n^2}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g_{bH}$  be the metric defined on a neighborhood of  $\partial\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  given by

$$(8.5) \quad g_{bH} = \frac{dx^2}{\beta^2 x^2} + \lambda_{bH}^{-2} r^2 \frac{d\omega^2}{x^2}, \text{ where } \lambda_{bH} = 2|\beta_{bH}| r_{bH}.$$

The Laplacian of this metric is

$$\Delta_{g_{bH}} = \beta^2 (xD_x)^2 + in\beta^2 x D_x + \beta r^{-n} (xD_x(\beta r^n)) x D_x + \lambda_{bH}^2 r^{-2} x^2 \Delta_\omega.$$



Therefore we conclude that near the ends  $r = r_{\text{bH}}$

$$x^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X x^{-\frac{n}{2}} = \Delta_{g_{\text{bH}}} - \beta^2 \frac{n^2}{4} - i \frac{n}{2} \beta r^{-n} x D_x (\beta r^2).$$

Since  $r = r(x^2)$ , we can write near  $r_{\text{bH}}$  and  $r_{\text{sI}}$ ,

$$r = r_{\text{bH}} + x^2 A_{\text{bH}}(x^2) \text{ and } \beta(r) = \beta_{\text{bH}} + x^2 B_{\text{bH}}(x^2) \text{ near } r = r_{\text{bH}}.$$

Therefore, near  $r = r_{\text{bH}}$

$$\frac{1}{\beta^2} = \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{bH}}^2} + x^2 \tilde{B}_{\text{bH}}(x^2).$$

We conclude that there exist a symmetric 2-tensor  $H_{\text{bH}}(x^2, dx, d\omega)$  near  $r = r_{\text{bH}}$  which is  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  up to  $\{x = 0\}$ , and such that the metric  $g_{\text{bH}}$  given by (8.5) can be written near  $r = r_{\text{bH}}$  as

$$(8.6) \quad g_{\text{bH}} = \frac{dx^2}{\beta_{\text{bH}}^2 x^2} + \frac{d\omega^2}{4\beta_{\text{bH}}^2 x^2} + H_{\text{bH}} \text{ near } r = r_{\text{bH}}.$$

Let  $\tilde{g}$  be the metric on the interior of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  which is given by

$$\tilde{g} = \frac{4|dz|^2}{c^2(1-|z|^2)^2}.$$

We consider local coordinates valid for  $|z| > 0$  given by  $(x, \omega)$ , where  $\omega = z/|z|$ , and  $x = \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|}$ . The metric  $\tilde{g}$  written in terms of these coordinates is given by

$$\tilde{g} = \frac{dx^2}{c^2 x^2} + (1-x^2)^2 \frac{d\omega^2}{4c^2 x^2}.$$

Therefore, near  $x = 0$

$$\tilde{g} = \frac{dx^2}{c^2 x^2} + \frac{d\omega^2}{4c^2 x^2} + H(x^2, \omega, dx, d\omega),$$

where  $H$  is a symmetric 2-tensor smooth up to the boundary of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . This concludes the proof of the Proposition.  $\square$

## 9. FROM CUT-OFF AND MODELS TO STATIONARY RESOLVENT

Next we use the method of Bruneau and Petkov [2] to decompose the operator  $R(\sigma)$  in terms of its cut-off part  $\chi R(\sigma) \chi$  and the contributions from the ends, which are controlled by Theorem 1.1. For that one needs to define some suitable cut-off functions. For  $\delta > 0$  let  $\chi_j$ ,  $\chi_j^1$ , and  $\tilde{\chi}_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1(r) &= 1 \text{ if } r > r_{\text{bH}} + 4\delta, & \chi_1(\alpha) &= 0 \text{ if } r < r_{\text{bH}} + 3\delta, \\ \chi_1^1(r) &= 1 \text{ if } r > r_{\text{bH}} + 2\delta, & \chi_1^1(\alpha) &= 0 \text{ if } r < r_{\text{bH}} + \delta, \\ \tilde{\chi}_1(r) &= 1 \text{ if } r > r_{\text{bH}} + 6\delta, & \tilde{\chi}_1(\alpha) &= 0 \text{ if } r < r_{\text{bH}} + 5\delta, \\ \chi_2(r) &= 1 \text{ if } r < r_{\text{sI}} - 4\delta, & \chi_2(\alpha) &= 0 \text{ if } r > r_{\text{sI}} - 3\delta, \\ \chi_2^1(r) &= 1 \text{ if } r < r_{\text{sI}} - 2\delta, & \chi_2^1(\alpha) &= 0 \text{ if } r > r_{\text{sI}} - \delta, \\ \tilde{\chi}_2(r) &= 1 \text{ if } r < r_{\text{sI}} - 6\delta, & \tilde{\chi}_2(\alpha) &= 0 \text{ if } r > r_{\text{sI}} - 5\delta, \end{aligned}$$

and let

$$\chi_3(r) = 1 - (1 - \chi_1)(1 - \chi_1^1) - (1 - \chi_2)(1 - \chi_2^1).$$

$\chi_3(r)$  is supported in  $[r_{\text{bH}} + \delta, r_{\text{sI}} - \delta]$  and  $\chi_3(r) = 1$  if  $r \in [r_{\text{bH}} + 2\delta, r_{\text{sI}} - 2\delta]$ . Let  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(r_{\text{bH}}, r_{\text{sI}})$  with  $\chi(r) = 1$  if  $r \in [r_{\text{bH}} + \delta/2, r_{\text{sI}} - \delta/2]$ .

Now we will use Proposition 8.1 for  $\delta$  small enough. Let  $g_{\text{bH}}$  and  $g_{\text{sI}}$  be the metrics given on the interior of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  given by (8.4) and let

(9.1)

$$g_{\text{bH},\delta} = \frac{4dz^2}{\beta_{\text{bH}}^2(1-|z|^2)^2} + (1 - \tilde{\chi}_1)H_{\text{bH}}, \text{ and } g_{\text{sI},\delta} = \frac{4dz^2}{\beta_{\text{sI}}^2(1-|z|^2)^2} + (1 - \tilde{\chi}_2)H_{\text{sI}}.$$

Since  $g_{\text{bH},\delta} = g_{\text{bH}}$  if  $\tilde{\chi}_1 = 0$ , and  $g_{\text{sI},\delta} = g_{\text{sI}}$  if  $\tilde{\chi}_2 = 0$ , it follows from Proposition 8.1 that, for  $x$  given by equation (8.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} (1 - \chi_1) f &= (\Delta_{g_{\text{bH},\delta}} + x^2 W_{\text{bH}} - \frac{n^2}{4} \beta_{\text{bH}}^2 - \sigma^2) (1 - \chi_1) f, \text{ and} \\ \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} (1 - \chi_1^1) f &= (\Delta_{g_{\text{bH},\delta}} + x^2 W_{\text{bH}} - \frac{n^2}{4} \beta_{\text{bH}}^2 - \sigma^2) (1 - \chi_1^1) f. \\ \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} (1 - \chi_2) f &= (\Delta_{g_{\text{sI},\delta}} + x^2 W_{\text{sI}} - \frac{n^2}{4} \beta_{\text{sI}}^2 - \sigma^2) (1 - \chi_2) f, \text{ and} \\ \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} (1 - \chi_2^1) f &= (\Delta_{g_{\text{sI},\delta}} + x^2 W_{\text{sI}} - \frac{n^2}{4} \beta_{\text{sI}}^2 - \sigma^2) (1 - \chi_2^1) f. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$R_\alpha(\sigma) = \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} R(\sigma) \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} = (\alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} - \sigma^2)^{-1}, \quad \text{Im } \sigma < 0,$$

and let

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) &= (\Delta_{g_{\text{bH},\delta}} + x^2 W_{\text{bH}} - \sigma^2 - \frac{n^2}{4} \beta_{\text{bH}}^2)^{-1} \text{ and} \\ R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) &= (\Delta_{g_{\text{sI},\delta}} + x^2 W_{\text{sI}} - \sigma^2 - \frac{n^2}{4} \beta_{\text{sI}}^2)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

be operators acting on functions defined on  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ .

If, as in Proposition 8.1, we identify neighborhoods of  $r = r_{\text{bH}}$  and  $r = r_{\text{sI}}$  with a neighborhood of the boundary of  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ , we obtain the following identity for the resolvent

$$\begin{aligned} (9.2) \quad R_\alpha(\sigma) &= R_\alpha(\sigma) \chi_3 + (1 - \chi_1) R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_1^1) + (1 - \chi_2) R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_2^1) - \\ &R_\alpha(\sigma) [\Delta_{g_{\text{bH}}}, 1 - \chi_1] R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_1^1) - R_\alpha(\sigma) [\Delta_{g_{\text{sI}}}, 1 - \chi_2] R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_2^1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} (9.3) \quad R_\alpha(\sigma) &= \chi_3 R_\alpha(\sigma) + (1 - \chi_1^1) R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_1) + (1 - \chi_2^1) R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_2) + \\ &(1 - \chi_1^1) R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) [\Delta_{g_{\text{bH}}}, 1 - \chi_1] R_\alpha(\sigma) + (1 - \chi_2^1) R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) [\Delta_{g_{\text{sI}}}, 1 - \chi_2] R_\alpha(\sigma). \end{aligned}$$

These equations can be verified by applying  $\alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \Delta_X \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} - \sigma^2$  on the left and on the right of both sides of the identities. Substituting (9.3) into (9.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_\alpha(\sigma) &= M_1(\sigma) \chi R_\alpha(\sigma) \chi M_2(\sigma) + \\
 &\quad (1 - \chi_1) R_{bH}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_1^1) + (1 - \chi_2) R_{sI}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_2^1), \\
 \text{where} \\
 (9.4) \quad M_1(\sigma) &= \chi_3 + (1 - \chi_1^1) R_{bH}(\sigma) (1 - \tilde{\chi}_1) [\Delta_{g_{bH}}, 1 - \chi_1] \\
 &\quad + (1 - \chi_2^1) R_{sI}(\sigma) (1 - \tilde{\chi}_2) [\Delta_{g_{sI}}, 1 - \chi_2], \\
 M_2(\sigma) &= \chi_3 - [\Delta_{g_{bH}}, 1 - \chi_1] (1 - \tilde{\chi}_1) R_{bH}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_1^1) \\
 &\quad - [\Delta_{g_{sI}}, 1 - \chi_2] (1 - \tilde{\chi}_2) R_{sI}(\sigma) (1 - \chi_2^1).
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives a decomposition of  $R_\alpha(\sigma)$  in terms of the cutoff resolvent, studied by Bony and Häfner [1], and the resolvents of the Laplacian of a metric which are small perturbations of the Poincaré metric in  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ . The mapping properties of such operators were established in Section 7. Next we will put the estimates together and finish the proof of our main result.

## 10. THE PROOF OF THEOREM 4 IN 3 DIMENSIONS

We now prove Theorem 4 for  $n + 1 = 3$  using Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 3. We first restate a strengthened version of the theorem which includes the case where the weight  $b = \text{Im } \sigma$ .

**Theorem 10.1.** *Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be such that (10) holds and suppose*

$$0 < \gamma < \min(\epsilon, \beta_{bH}, |\beta_{sI}|, 1).$$

*Then for  $b > \gamma$  there exist  $C$  and  $M$  such that if  $\text{Im } \sigma \leq \gamma$  and  $|\text{Re } \sigma| \geq 1$ ,*

$$(10.1) \quad \|\tilde{\alpha}^b R(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} \leq C |\sigma|^M \|f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)},$$

*where  $\tilde{\alpha}$  was defined in (15) and the measure  $\Omega$  was defined in (8). Moreover, for  $N > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $0 < \delta < 1$ , choose  $\psi_N(r) \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(r_{bH}, r_{sI})$  with  $\psi_N(r) \geq 1$ , such that*

$$(10.2) \quad \psi_N = |\log \alpha|^{-N} \text{ if } r - r_{bH} < \delta \text{ or } r_{sI} - r < \delta.$$

*Then with  $\gamma$  as above, there exists  $C > 0$  and  $M \geq 0$  such that for  $|\text{Re } \sigma| \geq 1$  and  $|\text{Im } \sigma| \leq \gamma$*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10.3) \quad &\|\tilde{\alpha}^{\text{Im } \sigma} \psi_N(\alpha) R(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} \leq C |\sigma|^M \|f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)}, \\
 &\|\tilde{\alpha}^b R(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^{\text{Im } \sigma} \psi_N(\alpha) f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} \leq C |\sigma|^M \|f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} \text{ and} \\
 &\|\tilde{\alpha}^{\text{Im } \sigma} \psi_N(\alpha) R(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^{\text{Im } \sigma} \psi_N(\alpha) f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} \leq C |\sigma|^M \|f\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Recall from (9.1) that

$$g_{bH, \delta} = \frac{1}{\beta_{bH}^2} g_\delta \text{ and } g_{sI, \delta} = \frac{1}{\beta_{sI}^2} g_\delta,$$

where  $g_\delta$  is of the form (1.2). So we obtain  $\Delta_{g_{\text{bH},\delta}} = \beta_{\text{bH}}^2 \Delta_{g_\delta}$  and similarly  $\Delta_{g_{\text{sI},\delta}} = \beta_{\text{sI}}^2 \Delta_{g_\delta}$ . Therefore,

$$(10.4) \quad R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) = \left( \beta_{\text{bH}}^2 \Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 W_{\text{bH}} - \sigma^2 - \frac{n^2}{4} \beta_{\text{bH}}^2 \right)^{-1} = \beta_{\text{bH}}^{-2} \left( \Delta_{g_\delta} + x^2 \beta_{\text{bH}}^{-2} W_{\text{bH}} - \sigma^2 \beta_{\text{bH}}^{-2} - \frac{n^2}{4} \right)^{-1} = \beta_{\text{bH}}^{-2} R_\delta(\sigma |\beta_{\text{bH}}|^{-1}).$$

Therefore, by replacing  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma |\beta_{\text{bH}}|^{-1}$  in (1.3) and (1.5) setting  $a = \frac{A}{|\beta_{\text{bH}}|}$ , and  $b = \frac{B}{|\beta_{\text{bH}}|}$ , we deduce from Theorem 1.1 that there exists  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that if  $0 < \delta < \delta_0$ , for  $\text{Im } \sigma < A$  and  $\text{Im } \sigma < B$  and  $|\text{Re } \sigma| > K(\delta)$ ,

$$(10.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x^{\frac{A}{|\beta_{\text{bH}}|}} R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) x^{\frac{B}{|\beta_{\text{bH}}|}} v\|_{H^k(\mathbb{B}^3)} &\leq C |\sigma|^k \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \\ \|x^{\frac{A}{|\beta_{\text{bH}}|}} R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) x^{\frac{B}{|\beta_{\text{bH}}|}} v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} &\leq C |\sigma|^k \|v\|_{H_0^{-k}(\mathbb{B}^3)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

Of course, the same argument applied to  $R_{\text{sI}}$  gives

$$(10.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x^{\frac{A}{|\beta_{\text{sI}}|}} R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) x^{\frac{B}{|\beta_{\text{sI}}|}} v\|_{H^k(\mathbb{B}^3)} &\leq C |\sigma|^k \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \\ \|x^{\frac{A}{|\beta_{\text{sI}}|}} R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) x^{\frac{B}{|\beta_{\text{sI}}|}} v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} &\leq C |\sigma|^k \|v\|_{H_0^{-k}(\mathbb{B}^3)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

When  $A = \text{Im } \sigma$ , or  $B = \text{Im } \sigma$ , we define  $T_{\text{bH},A,B,N}$  and  $T_{\text{sI},A,B,N}$  and as in (1.4) by replacing  $R_\delta(\sigma)$  with either  $R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma)$  or  $R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma)$ ,  $a$  with  $A$  and  $b$  with  $B$ . Using (1.5) we obtain for  $J = \text{bH}$  or  $J = \text{sI}$ ,

$$(10.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \|T_{J,A,B,N}(\sigma) v\|_{H_0^k(\mathbb{B}^3)} &\leq C |\sigma|^k \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \\ \|T_{J,A,B,N} v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{B}^3)} &\leq C |\sigma|^k \|v\|_{H_0^{-k}(\mathbb{B}^3)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

Now we recall that  $\alpha = 2r_{\text{bH}}\beta_{\text{bH}}$  near  $r_{\text{bH}}$  and similarly  $\alpha = 2r_{\text{sI}}\beta_{\text{sI}}$  near  $r_{\text{sI}}$ . We will use these estimates, identity (9.4) and Theorem 3 to prove Theorem 4. Indeed, in the case  $a > \text{Im } \sigma$ ,  $b > \text{Im } \sigma$  we write

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}^a R_\alpha \tilde{\alpha}^b &= \tilde{\alpha}^a M_1(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b \tilde{\alpha}^{-b} \chi R_\alpha(\sigma) \chi \tilde{\alpha}^{-b} \tilde{\alpha}^b M_2(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b + \\ &+ (1 - \chi_1) \tilde{\alpha}^a R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b (1 - \chi_1^1) + (1 - \chi_2) \tilde{\alpha}^a R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b (1 - \chi_2^1). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the measure in  $\mathbb{B}^{n+1}$  is  $x^{-n-1} dx d\omega$ , which corresponds to  $\alpha^{-n-1} d\alpha d\omega$  which in turn corresponds to  $\alpha^{-n-2} dr d\omega$ . In this case  $n = 2$ , but this part of the argument is the same for all dimensions, and we will not set  $n = 2$ . Thus, we deduce from Theorem 1.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(1 - \chi_1) \tilde{\alpha}^a R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b (1 - \chi_1^1)\|_{L^2(X; \alpha^{-n-2} dr d\omega)} &\leq C \|v\|_{L^2(X; \alpha^{-n-2} dr d\omega)}, \\ \|(1 - \chi_2) \tilde{\alpha}^a R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) \tilde{\alpha}^b (1 - \chi_2^1) v\|_{L^2(X; \alpha^{-n-2} dr d\omega)} &\leq C \|v\|_{L^2(X; \alpha^{-n-2} dr d\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $\Omega = \alpha^{-2} r^2 dr d\omega$ . Since  $r \in [r_{\text{bH}}, r_{\text{sI}}]$ ,  $r_{\text{bH}} > 0$ , this gives

$$(10.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \|(1 - \chi_1) \tilde{\alpha}^a \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} R_{\text{bH}}(\sigma) \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \tilde{\alpha}^b (1 - \chi_1^1)\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} &\leq C \|v\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)}, \\ \|(1 - \chi_2) \tilde{\alpha}^a \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} R_{\text{sI}}(\sigma) \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \tilde{\alpha}^b (1 - \chi_2^1) v\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} &\leq C \|v\|_{L^2(X; \alpha^{-n-2} dr d\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using the Sobolev estimates in Theorem 1.1, we obtain

$$(10.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\tilde{\alpha}^a \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} M_1(\sigma) \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \tilde{\alpha}^b v\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} &\leq C |\sigma| \|v\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)}, \\ \|\tilde{\alpha}^a \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} M_2(\sigma) \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \tilde{\alpha}^b v\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)} &\leq C |\sigma| \|v\|_{L^2(X; \Omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\chi$  is compactly supported in the interior of  $X$ , it follows from Theorem 3 that

$$(10.10) \quad \|\tilde{\alpha}^{-b} \chi R_\alpha(\sigma) \chi \tilde{\alpha}^{-b} v\|_{L^2(X;\Omega)} \leq C \|v\|_{L^2(X;\Omega)}.$$

Estimates (10.8), (10.9) and (10.10) imply that

$$\|\tilde{\alpha}^{-b} \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} R_\alpha(\sigma) \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} \chi \tilde{\alpha}^{-b} v\|_{L^2(X;\Omega)} \leq C \|v\|_{L^2(X;\Omega)}.$$

But  $\alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} R_\alpha(\sigma) \alpha^{\frac{n}{2}} = R(\sigma)$ . This proves (10.1).  $\square$

## 11. THE PROOF OF THEOREM 4 IN GENERAL DIMENSION

We will outline the main steps necessary to connect to the results of [5], and refer the reader to [5] for more details.

First choose  $\delta$  so small (12) holds. Let  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  be as defined in (11), then we recall that for  $\delta$  small,

$$\alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} P \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}}|_{X_0} = P(h, \sigma),$$

where  $P(h, \sigma)$  stands for model near either  $r_{\text{bH}}$  or near  $r_{\text{sI}}$ . By Theorem 6.1 there exists  $h_0 > 0$  such that for  $h \in (0, h_0)$ ,

$$\|x^a (h^2 P_0 - \sigma)^{-1} x^b\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq C h^{-1-\frac{n}{2}} \quad \sigma \in (1-c, 1+c) \times (-c, \epsilon h) \subset \mathbb{C}.$$

Let  $P_1$  be the operator defined in (13) and let  $\epsilon > 0$  be such that (14) holds. Then it follows from Theorem 2.1 of [5] that there exist  $h_1 > 0$ ,  $C > 0$  and  $K > 0$  such that for  $h \in (0, h_1)$ ,

$$(11.1) \quad \|\tilde{\alpha}^b \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}} (h^2 \Delta_X - \sigma^2)^{-1} \tilde{\alpha}^a \alpha^{-\frac{n}{2}}\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq C h^{-K},$$

$$\sigma \in (1-c, 1+c) \times (-c, \epsilon h) \subset \mathbb{C}.$$

The estimate in Theorem 4 follows by restating (11.1) in the non-semiclassical language, i.e. multiplying it by  $h^2$  and replacing  $\sigma$  by  $h^{-1}\sigma$ .

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